

Conference Agenda Report Workshop

Open with Moment of Silence
Serenity Prayer
12 Traditions
12 Concepts of Service

Purpose;

The purpose of this workshop is to share information and experience in order to develop a better understanding of the Conference Agenda Report. The information we discuss today will help you to help your group make informed decisions. “Our primary purpose is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers”

The Conference.

World Service Conference (WSC)

Unlike all other NA service bodies, the conference is not an entity; it is an event—the coming together. Every two years, **regional delegates, the members of the World Board, and the executive director of the World Service Office** meet to discuss questions of significance to the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole. The purpose of the WSC is to be supportive of the fellowship as a whole, and to define and take action according to the group conscience of Narcotics Anonymous.

6. Motions included in the Conference Agenda Report, and any amendments to those motions, are considered in the Old Business session. All other items are considered in the New Business session. An adopted amendment that significantly alters an Old Business motion could move the amended motion to the New Business session.

7. Only Regional Delegates are eligible to vote on Old Business motions.

8. Regional Delegates and World Board members are eligible to vote on New Business motions. GWS p57

The Regional Delegate

The regional delegate (RD) serves as the primary contact between NA's world services and the local NA community. On the one hand, the delegate provides information on current world service projects to the regional committee. On the other, the delegate provides a local perspective to the work of world services. During the delegate's term, he or she attends the World Service Conference as a fully active participant, for while the delegate is elected by and accountable to the regional assembly or RSC, he or she is not a mere messenger. The delegate is selected by the region's group representatives and/or RCMs to act in the best interests of NA as a whole, not solely as an advocate of his or her NA community's priorities.

The World Board (WB)

The purpose of the World Board of Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. is to contribute to the continuation and growth of Narcotics Anonymous. The World Board manages all activities of world services including oversight of the operations of the fellowship's primary service center, the World Service Office.

The CAR & CAT

the **Conference Agenda Report** is published and distributed, containing issues and proposals to be

considered at the meeting. Other essential information is also provided in advance. (The CAT)

Conference Approval Track and Other Material

In addition to the *Conference Agenda Report*, some of the service-related, strategic plan, and budgetary material we will discuss at the conference will be mailed to conference participants in January. CAT will be available on the web as of January 25th

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What does all this have to do with me?

Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

History has shown that if the fellowship is not involved in the decision making process, “our message” has the potential of becoming misinterpreted by misinformed people. If we allow ourselves to become complacent in our participation within the service structure, we begin movement away from the core values that created the program that saved our life. If indeed the final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups as stated in our 2nd concept, we are compelled to do our part. We are not responsible for our disease, *but we are responsible for our recovery*. Our Service Structure is asking us to provide input on the items outlined within the CAR.

Alright, already! So what exactly ARE these issues?!

WB Motion 1: To approve “A Vision for NA Service” stated below to replace the existing “NA World Services Vision Statement”.

A Vision for NA Service All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed. Our vision is that one day:

1. . Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
2. . Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service;
3. . NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery;
4. . Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.

Intent: To replace the NAWS Vision Statement with a vision statement for all NA services.

Financial Impact: The cost of creating this material has already been incurred as agreed to by passing the service system project plan at WSC 2008. The production and translations costs associated with replacing the vision statement in the material where it is printed would be minimal because these revisions would occur when there are new printings.

Policy Affected: This motion would replace the **current NA World Services Vision Statement:**

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous World Services are inspired by the primary purpose of the groups we serve. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day:

5. . Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
6. . NA communities worldwide and NA World Services work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to carry our message of recovery;
7. . Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

As our commonly held sense of the highest aspirations that set our course, our vision is our touchstone, our reference point, inspiring all that we do. Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of these ideals. In all our service efforts, we rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power

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WB Motion 2:

To approve the draft contained in Addendum A, *Money Matters: Self-Support in NA*, to replace the existing IPs #24 “*Hey! What’s the Basket For?*” and #25 *Self-Support: Principle & Practice*.

Intent: To replace the existing informational pamphlets, IP#24 and 25, with an updated pamphlet on self-support.

Financial Impact: The cost of creating this material has already been incurred as agreed to by passage of the self-support project plan at WSC 2008. The only additional costs that will be incurred by adopting this motion are production and translations costs.

Policy Affected: This motion would replace the existing IPs #24 & 25 contained in Addendum D.

WB Motion 3: To approve the draft contained in Addendum B, *Funding NA Services*, as a Conference Approved pamphlet.

Intent: To have a pamphlet that helps groups understand their contributions and participation in the NA fund flow.

Financial Impact: The cost of creating this material has already been incurred as agreed to by passage of the self-support project plan at WSC 2008. The only additional costs that will be incurred by adopting this motion are production and translations costs for the new pamphlet.

Policy Affected: None. This pamphlet would be Conference Approved material, making it easier to change graphics or update numbers as necessary and easier for local language communities to make any changes they need to as they do translations.

WB Motion 4: To approve the revisions to *In Times of Illness* contained in Addendum C.

Intent: To revise and update *In Times of Illness* to better reflect our current experience.

Financial Impact: The cost of creating this material has already been incurred as agreed to by passage of the targeted literature project plan at WSC 2008. The only additional

costs that will be incurred by adopting this motion are production and translation costs of the revised booklet.

Policy Affected: This motion would replace the existing version of *In Times of Illness* contained in Addendum E.

Regional Motions

“We urge regions to try to talk through things with us before resorting to a motion. Sometimes it’s relatively easy to come to a joint solution without needing to ask groups around the world to discuss the issue in the form of a motion. In the case of legal matters or details of production, we wish that there were another way that felt acceptable and fruitful to work through issues rather than by including a motion in the CAR. The CAR is perhaps our primary vehicle for building a fellowship-wide conscience. Shouldn’t it ideally be focused on how to carry the message more effectively? How can we get closer to that ideal? We don’t pretend to have all of the answers, but let’s keep talking about it and see if we can make some more progress together.” CAR p36

“We would hope that a motion would be a last resort after a region had attempted to discuss the issues with the board.” CAR p.37

I feel the need to clarify a point or two pertaining to motion 8. This issue HAS in fact been brought to World (as they were mistaken in stating that regions had not discussed these issues prior to submitting a motion). Both myself (in Ft Worth) and the Show Me Region have had discussions with World on this topic during the past conference cycle.*

Motion 5: Direct NAWS to produce and add to inventory a purple decades clean and granite decade clean key tag in English only.

Intent: To add two items for longer milestones of recovery to the keytags available from NAWS.

Maker: Show Me Region

Financial Impact: The dye costs for a new keytag are minimal. The cost to NAWS comes from producing the items in bulk, warehousing the item in four locations, and managing the inventory.

Policy Affected: None

Rationale by Region: Our region supports the production of additional keytags as it will give those addicts with longer term recovery, either a decade, or decades clean, another tangible item marking that milestone. By having them produced by NAWS, the impropriety of a “rogue” novelty item is removed, and at the same time, will provide revenue from the sale of this item to our fellowship. As the last fellowship survey indicated, the decade(s) clean milestone to be primarily an English speaking milestone, we thought it prudent to start production of this item in English only.

Motion 6: To add purple key tags for multiple decades of clean time to the NAWS inventory.

Intent: To give recognition to addicts celebrating decades of clean time; at this time there is no key tag to reflect multiple decades of clean time.

Maker: New Jersey Region

Policy Affected: None

Financial Impact The dye costs for a new keytag are minimal. The cost to NAWS comes from producing the items in bulk, warehousing the item in four locations, and managing the inventory.

Rationale by Region: We are growing as a Fellowship, and now have many members with multiple decades of clean time. Celebrating that through the giving of a key tag would serve as an inspiration to everyone.

Motion 7: To add a Spanish (Castilian) Line Numbered Large Print Basic Text, in the current edition, to NAWS inventory.

Intent: To have a Spanish (Castilian) version of the Basic Text line numbered in large print available.

Maker: Southern California Region

Financial Impact: The production costs for a different format of an existing translation are low. The cost to NAWS comes from producing the item in bulk, warehousing the item in four locations, and managing the inventory.

Policy Affected: None

Rationale by Region: To have a Spanish Version of the Line Numbered Basic Text will motivate the primary purpose of carrying the message and promote unity through the study of the spiritual principles of the Basic Text. This book format serves for the study of the steps at a group level. When a chapter is chosen by the group conscience and each member reads a numbered line until the chapter is finished, each member can focus on the solution, taking notes of the numbers that they feel they most identify with just for that day, and at the end commenting why they identify with those numbers. The principles of the program contained on each line of the Basic Text are brought to life with the shared experience of each member. This dynamic format is similar to the Basic Text manuscript that helped to choose the original principles.

Motion 8: The World Board is directed to develop a project plan for presentation to WSC 2012 for a Traditions Working Guide.

Intent: The intent of this motion is to give the conference the ability to consider prioritizing this guide as a future literature project.

Maker: California Mid-State Region

Financial Impact: There is minimal cost in creating a project plan. The cost to NAWS would be in the project itself if the plan were adopted by the WSC.

Policy Affected: None

Rationale by Region: The purpose of this motion is to make a Narcotics Anonymous Conference Approved written guidebook available following the style of our existing *Step Working Guide* and as a companion piece to *It Works* that our members can use when they work the Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous with their sponsor. A growing number of members seem to have a desire to “work the Traditions” after they have written their Twelve Steps.

Motion 9: To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, for presentation to WSC 2012, to revise *Just for Today: Daily Meditations for Recovering Addicts* by replacing the thirteen quotes (and meditation passages if necessary) that were taken from the Fifth Edition Basic Text and *Youth and Recovery* with current fellowship approved NA literature.

Intent: To allow WSC 2012 to consider prioritization of this recovery literature project.

Maker: The Iowa Region

Financial Impact: There is minimal cost in creating a project plan. The cost to NAWS would be in the project itself if the plan were adopted by the WSC.

Policy Affected: This motion would amend the following section of the 2008 *A Guide to World Services in NA*, page 43: Significant WSC Actions – 2008 WSC Old Business:

Unanimously adopted approving the removal of the specific source citations in Just for Today for versions of literature no longer in print and to include, at the beginning of the book, an explanation that quotes without a citation are from previous versions of NA literature. Also to approve the use of a footnote in the foreword to Just for Today to update the reference to the Fifth Edition of the Basic Text.

Rationale by Region: The Iowa Region believes that the *Just for Today* meditation book should only include current fellowship approved literature for the daily passages. We understand the rationale of Motion 4 that was passed at WSC 2008, however, we believe that with the approval of our Sixth Edition Basic Text we will not be amending that piece of literature in the near future, and, since the *Just For Today* is widely used by our fellowship, we feel that it would be a benefit to be able to reference all of the quotations that are in the *Just for Today* to current fellowship approved literature

Motion 10: The World Board will post on the NAWS Website the motions that pertain to the Conference Approval Track at the same time the Conference Approval Track is sent out to Conference Participants.

Intent: To provide Pre-WSC awareness to our Elected Trusted Servants well in advance about the World Board's upcoming agenda.

Maker: South Florida Region

Financial Impact: The cost of posting additional information on our website would be low.

Policy Affected: This motion would amend the following section of the 2008 *A Guide to World Services in NA*, page 35, Approval Processes for NA Material, by adding the language shown as underlined:

Conference Approved

NA Handbooks and service booklets are Conference Approved. This means they may or may not have been sent out for review and input according to the specifics of the project plan presented to the WSC and are always included in the Conference Approval Track material for approval at the upcoming WSC. These pieces tend to

convey NA's fundamental ideas about certain areas of service. Both Conference Approved and World Board Approved material is intended to show how to implement or put into practice the principles established by core NA philosophy and Fellowship Approved material. The World Board may decide that some change in Conference Approved service material is so significant that it should be included in the Conference Agenda Report but the piece will still be designated as Conference Approved. This has happened in the past with both A Guide to World Services in NA, The Group Booklet, and A Guide to Local Services in NA. Adopted at WSC 2000, this designation came about partly as the result of years of input from members and groups regarding the types of issues they were being asked to review in the CAR. Establishing Conference Approved material as a separate approval track means that materials intended for committees and boards, such as handbooks or service manuals, are distributed directly to conference participants 90 days before the WSC allowing time for the regional delegates to workshop it in a manner that fits within their local community. The wording for all motions pertaining to the Conference Approval Track material is also posted on na.org at the same time. Each local community can determine for itself how the material will be reviewed and how to direct their regional delegate. As the 2000 CAR explains, "This frees up our members and groups to devote their attention to holding meetings and carrying the message of recovery, without having to ratify every decision made on their behalf at every level of service."

Rationale by Region: A Discussion-Based Conference is directly dependent on the quality of discussions that have taken place between the Delegates and the Fellowship prior to attending the Conference. At the WSC Delegates are bombarded with a tremendous amount of information and are expected to make snap decisions, without having time to consider the far-reaching implications. The 6th Concept reminds us that our members bring the spiritual awakening of our 12 Steps directly to the resolution of issues affecting NA. Inclusion of the motions may stimulate discussions that might not have taken place, thus enabling delegates to collect the conscience of those members that have been elected to serve on our Boards and Service committees.

Motion 11: The World Board will post on na.org all recovery literature workgroup meeting records in English within 30 days of any workgroup meeting. The World Board will also link these postings to any project resources: such as the projects discussion board, or similar resource. This post will include the project's timeline and a schedule of workgroup meetings. The WB will also post their meeting schedule & have the discretion to post an overview of the literature development process or any other additional information.

Intent: To provide additional communication and information about recovery literature projects to the fellowship.

Maker: Greater New York Region

Financial Impact: Because this issue is so complex, we are unable to determine financial impact at this time.

Policy Affected: This motion would amend the following section of the 2008 A Guide to World Services in NA, page 13, World Service Conference Publications, by adding the language of the motion to this section:

World Service Conference Publications

NA World Services produces several different publications in an effort to provide frequent and regular written communications. While each of these publications has a specific distribution list, copies are always available to any member by contacting the World Service Office and often also on the website, www.na.org.

NAWS News is a short, easily translatable report that is published several times each year. It was created to

allow the World Board to regularly report, particularly after its meetings. It is distributed to areas, regions, and conference participants in multiple languages.

Rationale by Region: Having the literature workgroups records online with a link to a discussion board monitored by the World Board will give the fellowship an opportunity to input earlier in the decision-making process. E-blasts are another resource so that RDs can quickly pass information along to their literature committees, etc. This additional transparency will create more unity between the workgroups, World Board and Fellowship. This would be a tremendous help in effectively bringing the interested parties of the fellowship together. An overview of the development process included with the records would allow members and committees to better understand how the records are used, helping to communicate more effectively through the discussion boards. We hope, one day these records will be available in other languages, translatable similar to *NAWS News* and *The NA Way*.

Motion 12: To add language to the end of the Approval Process for Recovery Material section of GWSNA, page 36, that says, “No more than two informational pamphlets or one booklet or one book-length piece will be out for Fellowship review and input at the same time.”

Intent: To limit the number of pieces of recovery literature out for Review and Input at the same time.

Maker: FreeState Region

Financial Impact: Since there are so many variables for the impact of this motion, we are unable to determine financial impact at this time.

Policy Affected: This motion would amend the following section of the 2008 *A Guide to World Services in NA*, page 36, Approval Processes for Recovery Material, by adding the language of the motion to the end of #1 under Review Form Literature, as shown as underlined:

Approval Process for Recovery Literature

Note: Policies regarding recovery literature are also contained in the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust Review-form Literature

- 1. Literature developed by the World Board is sent out for a review period before the development of an approval-form draft. The time and method of this review, considering translations, is determined by the World Board based on the needs of the fellowship and the piece in development. No more than two informational pamphlets or one booklet or one booklength piece will be out for Fellowship review and input at the same time*
- 2. Review-form literature is not for use or display in NA meetings.*

Rationale by Region: This motion allows literature projects the individual focus and attention they need to result in quality pieces of approved literature. Releasing more pieces of literature for Review and Input than allowed in the motion can cause literature projects to compete with one another (ie: in 2009, in a single 90-day period we reviewed "Giving It Away" (2 pages), "In Times of Illness" (25 pages) and "Keeping It" (7 pages).

Motion 13: To add language to the end of the Approval Process for Recovery Material section of GWSNA, page 36, that says, “Review and Input periods will be at least six months for informational pamphlets and booklets and at least one year for book-length pieces of literature.”

Intent: To establish a new minimum timeframe for Review and Input of recovery literature.

Maker: FreeState Region

Financial Impact: Since there are so many variables for the impact of this motion, we are

unable to determine financial impact at this time.

Policy Affected: This motion would amend the following section of the 2008 *A Guide to World Services in NA*, page 36, Approval Processes for Recovery Material, by adding the language of the motion to the end of #1 under Review Form Literature, as shown as underlined:

Approval Process for Recovery Literature

Note: Policies regarding recovery literature are also contained in the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust A. Review-form Literature

1. Literature developed by the World Board is sent out for a review period before the development of an approval-form draft. The time and method of this review, considering translations, is determined by the World Board based on the needs of the fellowship and the piece in development. Review and Input periods will be at least six months for informational pamphlets and booklets and at least one year for book-length pieces of literature.

2. Review-form literature is not for use or display in NA meetings.

Rationale by Region: This motion provides a more realistic timeframe for the Fellowship to communicate about literature projects, organize stable Review and Input groups, build enthusiasm about participation, and include more members. Although information for upcoming literature projects is available in advance, increasing the timeframe allows for the realistic delay in communication and organization that often occurs within our service structure. Extra time allows the process to focus on literature, rather than the timeline itself. This motion increases total project timelines to several conference cycles, but we currently have plenty of viable literature to support our Fellowship. We can better serve our members by creating quality, well developed literature, allowing for multiple opportunities to participate in the same project, and being more inclusive of newer members to become familiar with the process. It also allows a greater cushion for rearranging scheduled workshops in case deadlines are moved up unexpectedly (ie: "Living Clean" survey, 2009).

Motion 14: To require a 180-day review and input period for Fellowship Approved, Conference Approved, or World Board Approved material.

Intent: To create a new review and input requirement for Conference Approved material and World Board Approved Service tools, PR material, bulletins, and other material and to extend the existing review and input period for Fellowship Approved material and World Board Approved Service Pamphlets.

Maker: New Jersey Region

Financial Impact: Since there are so many variables for the impact of this motion, we are unable to determine financial impact at this time.

Policy Affected: This motion would amend the following section of the 2008 *A Guide to World Services in NA*, page 35, Approval Processes for NA Material, and page 36, Approval Processes for Recovery Material, as shown as underlined:

Approval Processes for NA Material

There are three types of approval processes for NA World Services and they are noted on each piece when it is published. Those three processes are called Fellowship Approved, Conference Approved, and World Board Approved. The conference typically establishes the approval process to be used when it approves the project plan at the WSC.

Fellowship Approved

As covered in the following section on the approval process for recovery literature, all NA recovery material is Fellowship Approved. This means that it is developed by NA World Services, sent out to the fellowship for review and input, and

ultimately sent out for approval by the fellowship in the Conference Agenda Report. The specifics for each piece of Fellowship Approved recovery literature are covered in the project plan for each piece that is presented and approved by the World Service

Conference before work is begun. This applies to all recovery books, recovery booklets, and recovery pamphlets as well as material that establishes or changes philosophical position or NA principles. NA Fellowship Approved recovery material is typically the only thing that is read in NA meetings.

Conference Approved

NA Handbooks and service booklets are Conference Approved. This means they have been sent out for a 180-day review and input period. This means they may or may not have been sent out for review and input according to the specifics of the project plan presented to the WSC and are always included in the Conference Approval Track material for approval at the upcoming WSC. These pieces tend to convey NA's fundamental ideas about certain areas of service. Both Conference Approved and World Board Approved material is intended to show how to implement or put into practice the principles established by core NA philosophy and Fellowship Approved material. The World Board may decide that some change in Conference Approved service material is so significant that it should be included in the Conference Agenda Report but the piece will still

be designated as Conference Approved. This has happened in the past with both *A Guide to World Services in NA*, *The Group Booklet*, and *A Guide to Local Services in NA*. Adopted at WSC 2000, this designation came about partly as the result of years of input from members and groups regarding the types of issues they were being asked to review in the CAR.

Establishing Conference Approved material as a separate approval track means that materials intended for committees and boards, such as handbooks or service manuals, are distributed directly to conference participants 90 days before the WSC allowing time for the regional delegates to workshop it in a manner that fits within their local community. Each local community can determine for itself how the material will be reviewed and how to direct their regional delegate. As the 2000 CAR explains, "This frees up our members and groups to devote their attention to holding meetings and carrying the message of recovery, without having to ratify every decision made on their behalf at every level of service."

World Board Approved

At WSC 2006, the conference decided that the World Board could approve and publish a number of informational pieces. This included revisions to Chapters 10-13 of the PR Handbook and the Area Planning Tool, as well as development and approval of service related informational pamphlets and tools. At WSC 2008, Chapters 5-9 of the PR Handbook were also made adaptable by the World Board. These service related informational pamphlets and tools contain practical experience gathered from the fellowship about how to apply some of the principles contained in NA Fellowship and Conference Approved material. They are usually the result of the Fellowship Issue Discussions or contain a compilation of material already being distributed to the fellowship upon request, which was the case with the Area Planning Tool. All service related informational pamphlets, whether Conference Approved or World Board Approved, are easily distinguishable from recovery pamphlets by their appearance and should be used by members, groups, and service committees as a resource rather than being read in an NA Meeting. Before approval and distribution, Service Pamphlets will be sent out to conference participants for a 180-day 90 day review and input. Service tools, PR material, bulletins, and other material will continue to be developed and approved by the World Board. The World Board has long been able to approve bulletins but these bulletins only had limited distribution to those who knew that they were available. The advantage of this approval process for informational pamphlets is that material is made readily available, and can be easily changed or pulled from inventory if there are concerns.

Approval Process for Recovery Literature

Note: Policies regarding recovery literature are also contained in the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)

A. Review-form Literature

1. Literature developed by the World Board is sent out for a 180-day 90 day review period before the development of an approval-form draft. The time and method of this review, considering translations, is determined by the World Board based on the needs of the fellowship and the piece in development.

2. Review-form literature is not for use or display in NA meetings.

Rationale by Region: The amount of time currently allotted is not adequate for the amount of literature being produced. Our fellowship is growing in leaps and bounds. In order to reach enough of our members so our worldwide experience, strength and hope can be tapped and utilized, we need more time to carry the message. We can not afford to be mass-producing literature at such a high rate of speed. After all it is the viability of our literature and the passion that goes into its construction that encourages those and saves addicts' lives.

Other Issues that Will Be Discussed at WSC 2010

Those of you who read and discuss the *CAR* every two years will remember that the past several *CARs* have contained discussion questions, usually about the Issue Discussion Topics. This year, we don't have any particular questions to ask about the IDTs, but we are trying something new here on this summary page in briefly mentioning some of the other issues that we know will be discussed at the conference. We encourage you to read the related essays in this *CAR*.

Service System (page 8)

At WSC 2010, we will be discussing options for improved service delivery throughout all components of our service system: structure, process, people, and resources. We want to forward these discussions through the 2010–2012 cycle. We encourage everyone to read the essay on page 8 to gain all of the background information and share your ideas with your delegate so that we can have fruitful discussions at the conference and beyond.

NAWS Resources (page 17)

We have all been affected by the economic downturn, some of us more directly than others. In this *CAR* we discuss NAWS resources, and the *Annual Report* provides more detailed information. We are continuing to seek ways to cut costs at world services while reducing the impact on service delivery as much as possible. One of the items we will discuss with conference participants is *The NA Way Magazine*. We understand there is some benefit from this magazine to our members and to NAWS, yet we are aware of the waste that comes from automatic distribution of paper copies to all registered NA groups. We would like to discuss possible solutions with conference participants and to try changes in distribution before making any changes to policy. Please read the essay on page 17 and help your delegate come ready to discuss our *NA Way* distribution practices.

Literature Development (page 28)

Several of the regional motions in this *CAR* focus on some aspect of the literature development process. We hope to have a more holistic discussion at the conference about the literature development process, including how to more effectively involve interested members. How realistic is our current review and input process with our worldwide membership, and does this process positively affect our literature? Does a lengthy approval process make sense when approval is simply a “yes” or “no” for a completed work? What literature processes would serve us best today and in the future? We look forward to discussing all of these issues at the conference. Please read the essay on page 28 and share your thoughts with your delegate.



* Personal notes