RDT Report

April/May 2023

Area Visits – There are none scheduled at this time. With the longer conference cycle, there will be more time for them.

MZF: We held an MZF meeting at the WSC, and we had an open discussion about our experiences at the WSC. Dezz G will represent the MZF future of the WSC Workgroup. The MZF paid the $150 web hosting bill and donated $1500 to WSC. The next MZF will be a planning session in August. There was a proposed date, but nothing has been set yet. An election will be held for AZD.

Regional Policy: The WSC will meet every three years for the next two cycles. We will need to adjust our policy. There are a lot of meetings that the RDT must attend and many they should be encouraged to attend. It is the feeling of the current (at the time of this report) RDT that this should be spelled out more explicitly in the CRSC policy to prepare future RD and ADs

Rock River Inventory – The RDT conducted an inventory of the Rock River area and generated a report with suggestions. The RDT hopes they find it useful.

The WSC: The RDT team attended the WSC in Woodland Hills, CA April 28th to May 7th. There were 135 participants, 123 seated regions, 113 delegates, and 6 seated zonal delegates. Of the body 46 were women. The Chicagoland Region was 23. We had a card with our number on it, one side was purple to hold to ask questions. The other side was yellow to hold for emergencies and to challenge the chair. We used a clicker that we would press to register our vote. For example, 1(A) was a for Yes. Our clicker had issues, so we had to stay on our toes. The results of the conference have been added to our regional webpage and go to Regional Information. In the drop-down menu choose WSC 2023 Summary of Decisions. We have attached a tally sheet of our regional votes along with the WSC results for interested members. The WB has set up a portal so members can see the various sessions and materials used at conferences. Visit https://worldna.org/calendar-and-updates/ The world worked very hard to create a hospitable atmosphere. Literature was for sale. Coffee and tea were readily available. Donuts and fruit in the morning.

There were two interesting developments in motions at the WSC.

For motion #22 which read “If any Motion or Proposal, in Content or Intent, has been submitted and failed to achieve consensus or adoption at two consecutive World Service Conferences, the previously proposed Content and Intent may not be suggested to the Fellowship in the *Conference Agenda Report* (*CAR*)/

Conference Approval Track (CAT) or at the WSC for one entire conference cycle. After the initial straw poll, the WSC went into discussion. During the discussion, it was revealed that the wording of motion #22 would potentially affect two unrelated motions with the same intent. We changed our vote to against.

Motion # 21 which read Original Motion: To direct NA World Services to remove the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook from the inventory.

Was amended into #21-a1: Create a project plan for the next WSC to update the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook and remove outdated terms and references. It was amended to substitute the wording of Motion #21 with the following: Create a project plan for the next WSC to update the Hospitals and Institutions Handbook and remove outdated terms and references. The RDT felt this was more in line with what the Region wanted and we voted for it.

Chicago's Own Louis H was voted WSC co-facilitator. Congratulations Louis!!

The RDT The workshops were set up to encourage working together and getting to know each other. It was very empowering and unifying. The RDT walked away with an appreciation for the role of the Zones and feels there is a greater need for global Zonal involvement. There is a belief that NAWS is a decision-maker. It became very clear after attending the WSC that NAWS facilitates decisions by the fellowship through and from the WSC. It was a recovery-affirming event and the RDT hopes that everyone who would like to experience a WSC gets the chance to...

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