

CAR Report Workshop (Jan 2020) Summary

Since the CAR Report is 146 pages, I decided it may be helpful to put together something to simplify it for homegroup business meetings. Here is a breakdown of the report and some information from the CAR Workshop our region held here in our area. Responses are due March 14th, so this will hopefully open up some discussion within your groups and make it easier to participate.

You can find the CAR report at www.na.org/conference and you can submit your responses now at www.naflorida.org/vote2020/

There are 2 sections that can be filled out per group: *The CAR Survey* (which is for votes on motions) and the *Literature and IDT Survey* (which is to help World Services prioritize literature projects). Individual members can also fill out a survey on na.org, but individual surveys don't count as votes.

*There are 16 motions; 5 from the World Board and 11 from different regions across the world. The simplified list of motions can be found on pg.48 of the CAR report. I've attached the list of motions to the end of this summary, and took the time to read through and find pages that can be used as reference for clarification regarding each motion (again, the report is 146 pages and can be difficult to find what you're looking for). The list for the *Literature and IDT Survey* begins on pg.51.*

Pages 22 and 23 have some information regarding Issue Discussion Topics from 2018 WSC. Basically these pages detail discussions that were had at the WSC about Drug Replacement Therapy/Medication Assisted Treatment as It Relates to NA, Attracting Members to Service, and Carrying the NA Message and Making NA Attractive.

Pages 24-32 have some information about current literature projects, as well as information regarding how these projects are developed and prioritized.

Pages 37-38 explain Regional Motions, and how they factor into the CAR. Some of the motions in this CAR include creating an IP for Women In Recovery (submitted from Iran), making the Basic Text and other recovery literature gender neutral, creating new stepworking guides, etc.

Things to consider: voting **yes/for** motions related to literature that are also projects listed in the survey will actually delay them from being developed due to the process in place for literature priority. There is also another regional motion that, **if it passes**, will prevent literature ideas from denied motions from being brought forward again for up to **8 years!**

The biggest thing there will be confusion regarding are the motions from the World Board about the FIPT (Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust). This is legal documentation regarding ownership, production, reproduction, sale, and distribution of our literature. The current FIPT has been in place since the early 90s, and the changes proposed are mostly updates but there are some specific changes. Per our Regional Delegates (our reps to the WSC), the main purpose of these documents is to ensure the integrity and ownership of our literature. As it was explained to us in the workshop, this is something that AA did NOT do, and they lost the rights to their literature and it is

essentially owned by Hazeldon; allowing them to change the literature at their desire, as well as make the profits from it's sale.

MOTIONS (pages for reference listed in red)

#1 Maker: World Board; To approve the NAWS Long-Term Goals, which serve as the foundation of the NA World Services Strategic Plan. (entire motion: pg.9; more information: pg.6-9)

#2 Maker: World Board; To approve the IP contained in Addendum A, "Mental Health in Recovery," as Fellowship-approved recovery literature. (entire motion: pg 11; more information: pg.10-11 & pg.63)

#3 Maker: World Board; To approve the revisions to the FIPT Operational Rules contained in Addendum B. A summary of the proposed changes shown in Addendum B includes: • A change to the Inspection Clause to reflect discussions at WSC 2018 and clarify that only the WSC can act for the beneficiary—the NA Fellowship as a whole. • Various "housekeeping" edits: o A change to the description of WSC Boards and Committees on page 11 to the World Board. o Two edits to Section 12: Trustee Reporting Obligation on page 15 to change calendar year to fiscal year and to add independent to the description of the annual audit. o Changing representatives to delegates on page 24 of the Reader's Notes. o A straight copy edit by adding the word the on the same page and other edits on pages 15 and 31. o A change to the way the Inspection Clause is described on page 37 of the Reader's Notes. (entire motion:pg.15; more information: pg.12-15 & pg.69)

#4 Maker: World Board; To approve the revisions to NA Intellectual Property Bulletin #1 contained in Addendum C. This bulletin has been largely rewritten. A clean copy of the bulletin with proposed revisions is contained in Addendum C. A copy tracking the proposed changes is included in Addendum D. A summary of the proposed changes to Intellectual Property Bulletin #1 includes: • Permission would be required to reprint book-length pieces. • Current policy that was not clearly expressed in the bulletin has been added to the text. Groups are only allowed to reproduce currently approved versions of recovery literature, as that is all that NAWS is authorized to publish and distribute, and this permission does not include electronic or online formats. • The introduction has been rewritten and the section on copyright has been moved ahead of the section on trademarks. • Some copyediting changes are suggested, such as using the term policy throughout the document, rather than a mix of policy and guidelines. (entire motion: pg.18; more information: pg.16-18 & pg.117-135)

#5 Maker: World Board; To approve the initiation of the established process to revise the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust in the 2020–2022 Conference cycle. SECTION 2: REVISION OF TRUST INSTRUMENT Provisions of the Trust Instrument may be changed only under the following conditions: 1. Any motion to review proposed revisions to the Trust Instrument must receive the approval of a majority of regional delegates at the World Service Conference. 2. After such review is approved, proposed revisions will be open for a six-month

review and input period, after which the proposed revisions will be presented in the Conference Agenda Report for adoption. 3. A motion to adopt any proposed revisions to the Trust Instrument will require a vote of “yes” from two-thirds of those regional delegates recorded as present in the World Service Conference roll call immediately prior to the vote. **(entire motion: pg.19; more information: pg.18-19 & pg.117-135)**

#6 Maker: Norway Region; To direct the WB to create a project plan for WSC 2022 to create a new Step Working Guide for members whom have worked through the previous one and would like to evolve in their recovery. **(entire motion w/more information: pg.38-39)**

#7 Maker: Baja Son Region; To direct the World Board to develop a project plan, for consideration at WSC-2022, to create a booklet of Step study questions with the parameter that each question is derived from one sentence in the Basic Text chapter ‘How It works’. **(entire motion w/more information: pg-39-40)**

#8 Maker: Argentina Region; To direct the World Board to create a project plan for the World Service Conference (WSC) 2022, the development of a new IP for daily personal inventory of gratitude. **(entire motion w/more information: pg.40)**

#9 Maker: Iran Region; To direct the World Board to create a project plan for WSC 2022 to create a new IP for women in recovery. **(entire motion w/more information: pg.41)**

#10 Maker: Latin American Zonal Forum; To direct the World Board to create a project plan for consideration at WSC 2022 to create a guide for online meetings. **(entire motion w/more information: pg.41)**

#11 Maker: Carolina Region; To direct the World Board to create a project plan for WSC 2022 for a service pamphlet (SP) that explains “being under no surveillance at any time”. **(entire motion w/more information: pg.42)**

#12 Maker: Southern California Region; To direct the World Board to create the Spanish-language Narcotics Anonymous (Basic Text), Step Working Guides, and It Works: How and Why available in an audio format. **(entire motion w/more information: pg.43)**

#13 Maker: Sweden and Australia Regions; To direct the World Board to create a project plan for consideration at the WSC 2022 to investigate changes and/or additional wording to NA literature from gender specific language to gender neutral and inclusive language. **(entire motion w/more information: pg.44)**

#14 Maker: California Inland Region; To place an 8-year moratorium on the creation of new English language recovery literature after WSC 2020 to WSC 2028, excluding any literature projects already in development. **(entire motion w/more information: pg.45)**

#15 Maker: Argentina Region; Instruct the World Board to develop a project plan for the 2022 World Service Conference (WSC) to produce an informative video about Narcotics Anonymous, for Public Relations services [committees] and online publication, approved by NAWS, where it is briefly explained: 1. What is Narcotics Anonymous 2. How it works 3. How to contact NA.
(entire motion w/more information: pg 46)

#16 Maker: Volunteer and Southern California Regions; 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. **(entire motion w/more information: pg 47)**

I hope this information was helpful, and I hope everyone participates!

In loving service,

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