



Midwest Region of Nar-Anon Family Groups

2020 WSC Motions

Motions 1 -10

Sunday January 26, 2020

2:30 - 3:00 PM Central

Where: Free Conference Call, Dial 1-605-475-4700; Access code: 338671#

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Purpose of meeting is to discuss the 2020 WSC Motions

Please use this document to add notes from discussion - Bring back to your group -

Tally votes from your members -Place final vote onto the Motion Region Tally Sheet

Motion 1: In the GLS p2-1, add a sentence encouraging new groups to seek out other local groups for support and information

Vote: _____ (Engage your group to determine vote. Tally sheet will be provided later that needs to be used & returned to Theresa/Cathy)

From: Floor motion 2018

Intention-Rationale-Point of Interest:

Discussion Notes:

Motion 2: In the GLS p4-4, remove the first Paragraph. "Nar-Anon/Narateen members who are also members of NA are eligible to hold office within their Nar-Anon or Narateen groups. Active members of Nar-Anon who are also members of NA may serve as the facilitator for a Narateen group by virtue of their Nar-anon membership. These are vital group services and, at all times, emphasis should be placed on the Nar-Anon program."

Vote: _____ (Engage your group to determine vote. Tally sheet will be provided later that needs to be used & returned to Theresa/Cathy)

From: Argentina

Intention: *Is to prevent discrimination of any member of Nar-Anon and to promote our common welfare without limiting anyone's service or recovery. However, it is already established that NA members can serve beyond the group level, but not as GSRs, assistant GSRs or officers. Removing the last sentence of the printed P may reduce the understanding of the importance of the emphasis being on the Nar-Anon program.*

Q. Can a person have more than one primary recovery program?

Discussion Notes:

Motion 3: Add Alternate Treasurer position to the Regional service structure.

Vote: _____ (Engage your group to determine vote. Tally sheet will be provided later that needs to be used & returned to Theresa/Cathy)

From: Argentina

Intention: *Is two-fold: to create a space for a learning curve for someone who may not otherwise consider service as the treasurer and to have help in the growing list of legal and financial obligations the treasurer is responsible for. This would ensure overlap from Alternate Treasurer to Treasurer.*

Q. Is this necessary for every group or is it best for individual groups to customize as needed?

Discussion Notes:

Motion 4: In future Nar-Anon publications, don't include writings or quotes from external literature to Nar-Anon or from persons who are not members of Nar-Anon.

Vote: _____ (Engage your group to determine vote. Tally sheet will be provided later that needs to be used & returned to Theresa/Cathy)

From: Argentina

Point of Information: *The literature committee, Lit-Com, has already made the decision to stop using quotes and readings from outside sources. Those quotes, etc were never intended to be considered CAL literature.*

Discussion Notes:

Motion 5: This motion requests approval for a new daily reflections book written by the region of Columbia, however, the appropriate process was not followed.

Vote: _____ (Engage your group to determine vote. Tally sheet will be provided later that needs to be used & returned to Theresa/Cathy)

From: Columbia

Point of Information: *This motion will be ruled Out of Order at the conference*

Discussion Notes:

Motion 6: In the “Helping” reading in the little blue booklet, remove the 4th sentence, “Love alone can create.”

Vote: _____ (Engage your group to determine vote. Tally sheet will be provided later that needs to be used & returned to Theresa/Cathy)

From: Florida

Rationale: *This line implies/suggests that if we love enough, we can influence or create change.*

Discussion Notes:

Motion 7: In the “About Addiction” reading in the little blue booklet, change the word will to may. “Even when they know what will happen when they take that first drink, pill or fix, they *may* do so.”

Vote: _____ (Engage your group to determine vote. Tally sheet will be provided later that needs to be used & returned to Theresa/Cathy)

From: Florida

Intention: *Is to be more accurate and more hopeful.*

Discussion Notes:

Motion 8: To add a sentence to the GLS, Region Structure, p6-1, P2 "Officers should be current continuous participating members in a Nar-Anon group."

Vote: _____ (Engage your group to determine vote. Tally sheet will be provided later that needs to be used & returned to Theresa/Cathy)

From: Nevada

Point of Information: *This language is already present in the next P under RSC Officers. "To be of utmost benefit to those they serve, it is recommended that officers attend Nar-Anon meetings on a regular basis."*

Discussion Notes:

Motion 9: There are 11 bullet qualifications to be considered for a position of Trustee. This motion asks to change 2 bullets in order to make them more measurable and less ambiguous.

Bullet 2: Change "clear understanding of Nar-Anon's 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of Service" to "Have participated in Step, Tradition and Concepts of Service studies."

Bullet 10: Change "ability to spend sufficient time attending..." to "Ability to spend x hours/week..."

This motion also asks to change Bullet 11 from "Ability to accept criticism and flexibility to acknowledge new ideas" to "Ability to discuss and accept opposing viewpoints."

Vote: _____ (Engage your group to determine vote. Tally sheet will be provided later that needs to be used & returned to Theresa/Cathy)

From: Nevada

Intention-Rationale-Point of Interest:

Bullet 2 is easily changed if voted for.

Bullet 10 is not so easy. Each committee on which the trustees serve are different and the time requirements will be different. I do not see that being decided by a # of hours per week answer. I suspect this motion will go to the WSC floor to be amended.

Bullet 11 is a change in tone from negative to positive.

Discussion Notes:

Motion10: Pg 29 of the GWS lists the 13 Roles and Responsibilities of the Trustees. Following that list is a sentence that reads, "Trustees are members of the WSC. They also serve on world service committees and may chair these committees." This motion asks that this last sentence be changed to read, "They also serve on a world service committee for one year and may not chair these committees."

Vote: _____ (Engage your group to determine vote. Tally sheet will be provided later that needs to be used & returned to Theresa/Cathy)

From: Nevada

Intention: *To avoid saturation by a trustee continuing on the same committee year after year. Would also insure that no world service committee is without Board of Trustees involvement. Rotation of service is suggested at every level of service throughout Nar-Anon. This principle is not to be ignored by the Board.*

Board of Trustees response: Many tasks take more than one year to complete. This change could reduce the efficiency of the committee. Trustees practice rotation by term limits (6 years + additional 6 years if re-elected). Concept 10 is violated by reducing committee time to one year. Not being "allowed to fully participate" in a project until completion. Concept 12 could also be violated by this motion. "Our structure should always be one of service, not governance. No member in Nar-Anon should be forced to work on a committee for which they have no skill set or interest.

Point of Interest from Board: *It is necessary for some committees to be chaired by Trustees, as they have access to documents that committee members do not have. This is especially true for Lit-Com and Budget-Finance.*

Discussion Notes:
