



## Midwest Region of Nar-Anon Family Groups

### 2020 WSC Motions

#### Motions 22 -27

Sunday February 16, 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 22:** In the GLS on p1-3, Membership in Nar-Anon and Narateen, this motion requests removing the P “Anyone who feels their life has been affected by close contact with an addict is eligible for membership in Nar-Anon. Using their knowledge of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Narateen facilitators guide groups and keep meetings focused on topic. Narateen meetings are closed, except by Group Conscience.” Replacing with this P “Anyone who feels their life has been affected by close contact with an addict is eligible for membership in Nar-Anon. Narateen is part of the Nar-Anon program for teens (ages 13 and up to the age a person is considered an adult in the country in which they reside) affected by someone else’s addiction.”

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

**From:** Southern Iran

**Rationale-***To clearly define Narateen membership and age.*

**Point of Interest:** *This language, regarding age, already exists in the GLS p7-2 Membership in Narateen. Removing the original P removes the important language of facilitator responsibilities and the clarification that Narateen meetings are closed meetings except by Group Conscience.*

**Discussion Notes:**

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**Motion 23:** In the GLS p3-4 Meeting Ideas. There are 8 meeting ideas listed. They are: Topic, Personal Stories, Beginner, Step, 12 Trads, 12 Concepts, Slogans and Visiting Speakers. This motion requests the addition of 2 new subsections and 1 change to an existing meeting.

**Suggested Recovery Meeting Durations:** Nar-Anon meeting 60-90mins, Beginner meeting 30-45 mins, either right before or right after Nar-Anon meeting. **Business Meeting:** Determine duration by Group Conscience either before or after the regular Nar-Anon meeting.

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

**From:** Southern Iran

**Panel Meeting:** Ask 3-4 members to share their experience on questions submitted by the group members.

*Motion also requests adding the word recovery in front of the word meeting to read, recovery meeting, in the Personal Stories meeting description.*

**Intention:** This will help new meetings because there are no suggested time durations for meetings.

*Q. Do we need to have a set duration for a meeting? Do we need to list all the different ways we can share about recovery? Do all groups hold their business meetings or Group Conscience meetings before or after a regular meeting?*

**Discussion Notes:**

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**Motion 24:** In the GLS p4-1 Group Structure, Duties of Group Officers, Chair/Leader, delete the last 2 bullets: "Helps establish committees, if they are necessary", and "Can act as Chair of the steering committee if there is one."

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

**From:** Southern Iran

*This is one of a handful of motions this year concerning keeping the focus of NFGs on their primary purpose of helping families of addicts and the local NFGs should not be burdened with committee work. Committee work appears to be getting handed up to the areas and regions.*

**Rationale:** *The group has but one purpose... Committee work violates Trad 5 and Concept 1. "To fulfill our primary purpose, we join together to create a service structure that develops and maintains services on behalf of Nar-Anon." Establishing committees within the group may cause an overload of service duties.*

*Q. Does your home group have any committees? Outreach? Recovery month? Special events? Etc...*

*Q. Is it too much to have committees in home groups?*

*Q. Would you serve on an area or regional committee as a GSR? As a member?*

**Discussion Notes:**

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**Motion 25:** *In the GLS p4-2 Group Service Representatives (GSRs) remove "GSRs are elected by their groups to a three year term." Replace with "GSRs are elected by their groups for a minimum of one year, up to a maximum of three years."*

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

**From:** Southern Iran

**Intention:** *Allow groups flexibility.*

**Rationale:** *Some groups have difficulty finding a volunteer for a fixed three year term.*

**Discussion Notes:**

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**Motion 26:** *In the GLS p3-2, Sample Format for Nar-Anon Meetings, this motion requests that we allow other group officers to speak/share with the group when it is about their area of responsibility. This may be a cultural issue in Iran that we do not experience in the US.*

**Motion to remove "Leader/Chair-** Once the meeting has opened, we only read from conference approved literature which can be found on the literature order form from WSO." Replace with "Leader/Chair/ Literature Person, if applicable- Once the meeting has opened, we only read from conference approved literature which can be found on the literature order form from WSO."

**Motion continues to do the same with Passing the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket, allowing the Chair/Leader or Treasurer to speak the self-supporting sentences.**

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

**From:** Southern Iran

**Intention:** *The format currently does not allow other service members to share information to the group.*

**Rationale:** *Transparency of the group services.*

**Discussion Notes:**

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**Motion 27:** In the GLS p3-3, Sample Format for Nar-Anon Meetings, requests removing “Leader/Chair- Present the topic and share. Use only CAL and limit sharing to between 3-5 mins per person. The last 15 mins can be reserved for newcomers to share.” Replace with: “Leader/Chair- Present the topic, sharer, or introduce the speakers. Use only CAL and limit sharing to between 2-3 mins. The last 15 mins can be reserved for newcomers to share.”

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

**From:** Southern Iran

*This motion is changing 2 things. First, it took a sample Nar-Anon topic meeting and changed it to a topic or guest speaker or guest speakers meeting. Secondly, it changed the individual share time from 3-5 to 2-3 mins.*

**Intention:** *To add speakers and to reduce share time so large meetings can accommodate shares.*

*Perhaps a large meeting could be an additional type of meeting with different needs. I suspect this motion will be amended on the floor of WSC so that the new does not replace the old, but is otherwise altered or simply allowed flexibility.*

**Discussion Notes:**

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