



Midwest Region of Nar-Anon Family Groups

2020 WSC Motions

Motions 51-53 /20-21/33

Sunday March 8, 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 51: In the GWS, p26, Section Translation of Nar-Anon Literature, remove entire section and replace with an updated version. (Not printed here due to length)

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

From: Board of Trustees

Intention: *To update and to protect the intellectual property of NFGH, Inc (Nar-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Incorporated)*

Rationale: *To legally protect NFGH, Inc Conference Approved Literature.*

From Theresa: *Bottom line is that NFGH, Inc can only protect the English version of CAL before it goes to other countries to be translated. While NFGH, Inc cannot be held responsible for those translations being accurate, every attempt is made to include a bi-lingual person in the translation committee and to have guidance and resources available through the World Service Translation Resources Committee.*

Discussion Notes:

Motion 52: In the GWS, p32, Section National Service Office, remove entire section and replace with an updated version. The updated version includes 3 additional subsections, National Board of Trustees Guidelines (NBOT), National Executive

Committee, and National Service Committees. (The updated version is not printed here due to length)

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

From: Board of Trustees

Intention: *To update the NSO to be within Nar-Anon's policies and guidelines and to clearly define the roles of the National Executive Committee and National Service Committees.*

Rationale: *To clearly define the duties of the NSO and NBOT.*

Discussion Notes:

Motion 53: In the GWS, p34, World Service Committees, add World Service Translations Resource Committee description: "Duties and responsibilities: The purpose of the WS Translations Resource Committee is providing assistance for translation of conference approved literature. The committee does not translate literature, this is done by local translation committees. The responsibility of this committee is to ensure translations maintain the spirit of the Nar-Anon message, as well as making sure the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of Service are upheld in translations. The committee will have a database of each country's translated Nar-Anon literature. Also, they will compile a list of English words or phrases that do not have a direct translation in each language, listing the translated words or phrases.

Qualifications for membership: In addition to the requirements for serving on a world service committee, members speak English and one or more other languages; familiar with the Steps, Traditions and Concepts; have experience reviewing and editing literature with regard to grammar, spelling, punctuation, and writing; and be capable of using a word processing program."

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

From: Board of Trustees

Intention: *To add the WS Translation Resource Committee to the GWS.*

Rationale: *International countries will have a committee to contact about the translations of CAL.*

Discussion Notes:

Motion 20: In the GLS p1-2, Nar-Anon Local Service Structure, add the words “If there is no active committee in the region” after the words “Area Committee Chair.”

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: *Not to waste resources of Nar-Anon.*

Rationale: *There are established regions which have active committees that also support areas.*

***From Theresa:** While I understand the rationale cited, I feel the motion itself is awkward and unclear. I will need to get another’s better insight on this. I suspect this will be amended on the floor of the WSC, but I would also like to point you to the previous page GLS 1-1 Introduction. P3 S2-3 “Parts of it (the GLS) may prove to be inappropriate for use because of geography, national or provincial law, cultural differences, or the developmental state of a particular Nar-Anon community. If this is the case, certain adjustments may be made to this guide to meet the needs of the group, provided these adjustments are consistent with Nar-Anon’s 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts, and authorization has been obtained from the WSO.*

As Nar-Anon continues to expand throughout the world, the WSO and WSC do their best to keep up with changes and make appropriate updates. Let’s remember this clause exists so we don’t get too stuck. Progress not perfection.

Discussion Notes:

Motion 21: In the GLS p5-1, Section Area Structure, p1 S1 “Areas are convenient segments into which a region may be divided.” This motion requests adding the words, “if applicable” after divide.

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: *To clarify the diagram on p1-1. There is no diagram there, there is one on p1-2.*

Rationale: *Some regions do not have areas.*

Q. Does the word “may” carry enough weight to indicate that regions may or may not have areas, or must we strengthen it with both may and if applicable?

Discussion Notes:

Motion 33: In the GLS p6-1 Regional Structure P1 S1: The region is comprised of areas located within its geographic boundaries. Add "Approval for the formation of a region rests solely with the groups within the proposed region. There may be multiple regions established in a state, province or country."

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: To clarify there can be multiple regions established within a state, province or country.

Rationale: To avoid confusion. There are states, provinces and countries with multiple regions.

***From Theresa:** Again, I need to gain insight from a trusted service sponsor. Perhaps it is just my Midwest association, but I don't think this makes anything less confusing because we, as the Midwest region, are completely opposite this scenario. We have multiple states in our region, not multiple regions in our state, such as California.*

Discussion Notes:
