

NE REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORT – July 9, 2016

**2016 World Service Conference (WSC)**

As far as the Conference goes, if anyone wants it, the complete summary draft of decisions is available on [na.org/conference](http://na.org/conference). In this report, I will try to summarize the main points.

There were 112 Delegates present from the 115 seated regions. 65 were from the US, 5 from Canada, and 45 from outside the US and Canada. There were also 66 Alternate Delegates in attendance.

Besides the business sessions, there were sessions related to the Future of the WSC, the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) & NA Literature, Human Resource Panel (HRP), NAWS Report, Fellowship Development & Public Relations (FD & PR), and the NAWS Budget.

Here’s a listing of the **CAR/CAT Motion results**, as well as some other proposals, along with how our Region voted. There were many more new proposals made in New Business. Go to [na.org/conference](http://na.org/conference) to get the complete summary:

CAR MOTIONS	WSC Results	NE Region Vote
#1 To approve new Traditions Book. <b>(The amendment to change that one part in the introduction failed)</b>	Passed 110-1-1-0	Passed
#2a: Reduce World Board from 18 to 15 members. <b>(Motion 2 was amended to be split into 3 separate motions.)</b>	Passed 104-8-0-0	Passed
#2b: Remove staggered terms for World Board. <b>(Motion 2 was amended to be split into 3 separate motions.)</b>	Passed 106-6-0-0	Passed
#2c: Two lifetime terms for World Board. <b>(Motion 2 was amended to be split into 3 separate motions.)</b>	Passed 112-0-0-0	Passed
#3: Project plan to develop IP about Mental Illness & Recovery.	Passed 93-17-1-0	Passed
#4: Post World Board minutes online. <b>(Substitute to have a sign-up list for auto emailing of minutes failed)</b>	Failed 29-79-0-2	Failed
#5: More detailed financial reporting for WCNA.	Failed 34-76-1-0	Failed
#6: World Board meetings be open.	Failed 51-58-0-2	Passed
#7: Make WSC Participants Discussion Board open for viewing. <b>(Amended to be a one-cycle experiment - WB &amp; Parliamentary determined 2/3’s majority needed, due to Policy change to a non-existent Policy.)</b>	Failed 59-50-1-1	Passed
#8: Produce a low-cost version of Basic Text.	Failed 14-95-1-1	Failed
#9: Post all English and translated Basic Texts online.	Failed for lack of a second.	Failed
#10: Hold every other WSC outside the United States.	Failed for lack of a second.	Failed
#11: Allow delegate from any zonal forum to be non-voting participant. <b>(Amended to be any “current” zonal forum and only for WSC 2018.)</b>	Passed 72-29-2-4	Passed
#12: Adopt the “What is NA Service” reading card.	Failed 30-79-1-0	Failed
#13: One collective vote for World Board in business.	Failed 47-58-3-2	Passed
#14: World Board no longer allowed to make motions.	Failed 16-91-0-1	Failed
#15: To adopt proposed rules and tools for WSC decision making to use at 2016 WSC only.	Passed 105-7-0-0	Passed

#16: To adopt approaches to manage WSC discussion for 2016 WSC only. (Not included in CAT Report, since WSC related and no policy change.)	Passed 107-4-1-0	N/A
#17: To adopt changes to announcing straw poll results for WSC 2016 only. (Not included in CAT Report, since WSC related and no policy change.)	Passed 103-5-2-1	N/A
#18: To approve 2014 WSC Minutes. (Not included in CAT Report, since WSC related and no policy change.)	Passed 108-0-2-2	N/A
#19: To approve the Recover Literature project plan.	Passed 123-1-2-0	Passed
#20: To approve the Service Tools project plan.	Passed 120-5-1-0	Passed
#21: To approve the Collaboration in Service project plan.	Passed 120-3-3-0	Passed
#22: To approve the Future of WSC project plan.	Passed 119-6-1-0	Passed
#23: To approve the Fellowship Development & Public Relations project plan.	Passed 120-3-2-1	Passed
#24: To approve the Social Media as a PR Tool project plan.	Passed 116-6-2-2	Passed
#25: To approve the 2016-2018 NAWS Budget.	Passed 121-3-2-0	Passed
Proposal A: To seat the Grande Sao Paulo Region at the WSC	Passed 110-9-3-3	Passed
Proposal B: To seat the HOW Region at the WSC	Passed 115-6-2-3	Passed
Proposal C: To seat the Rio de Janeiro Region at the WSC	Passed 116-5-2-3	Passed
Proposal D: To remove Le Nordet Region from the list of seated regions at the WSC (NEW BUSINESS: Le Nordet joined the Quebec Region, therefore, no longer exists.)	Passed 124-1-1-0	RD voted YES
Proposal E: To adopt as policy: If the WSC takes action that changes the name or title of a Conference, or Fellowship approved document, the name or title change may then be changed in all writings to reflect the new name/title, with further WSC action. (NEW BUSINESS)	Passed 117-2-2-2	RD voted YES
Proposal F: To change the wording in the WSC Mission Statement to agree with wording in "A Vision for NA Service"	Withdrawn by WB	Passed

WSC Election Results:

**WORLD BOARD**

<b>Candidate Name</b>	<b>RBZ Source, if any</b>
Jose Luis A (new)	WB nominee
Jack H (new)	WB, Washington Northern Idaho Region nominee
Khalil J (new)	WB nominee
Tali M (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	WB nominee
MaryEllen P (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	WB nominee
Tim S (new)	WB nominee

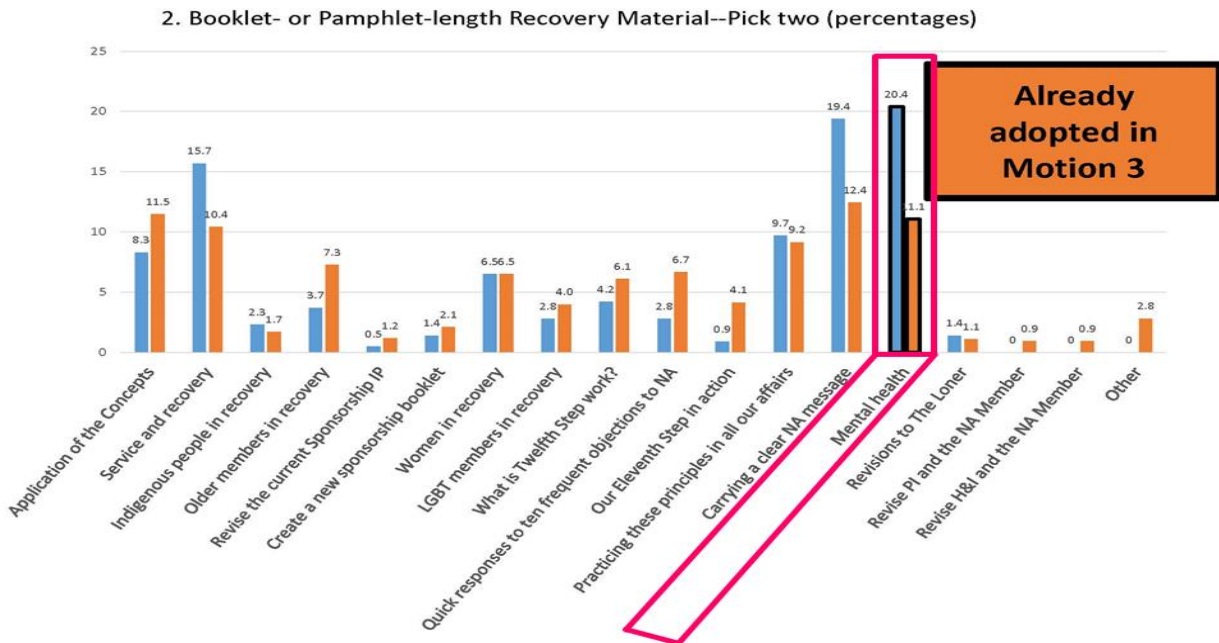
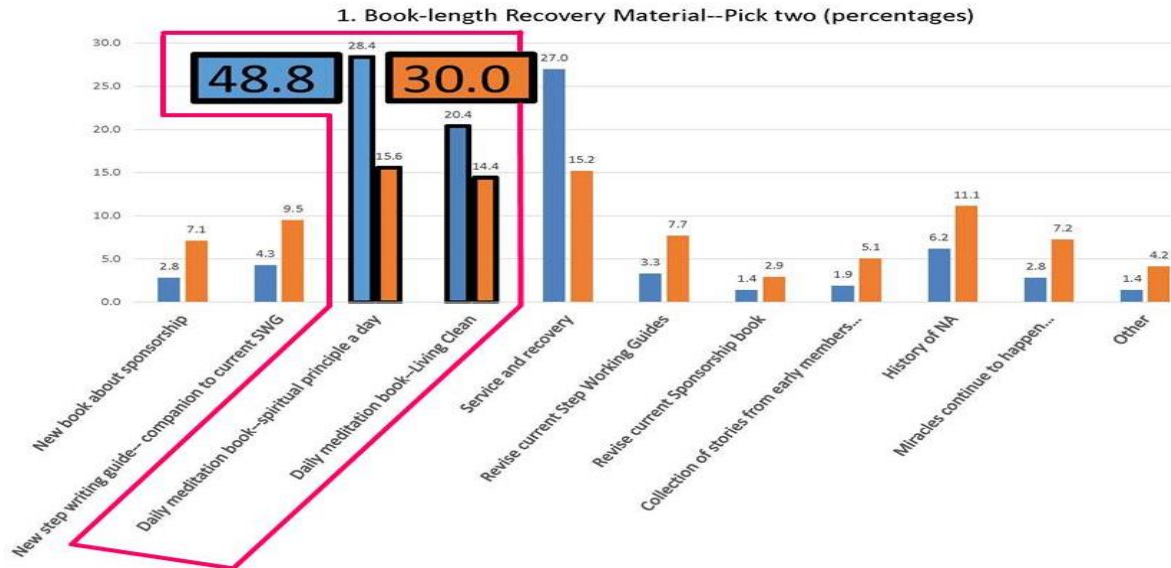
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<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>RBZ Source, if any</u>
Veronica B (new)	Sweden Region nominee
Jim B (new)	World Pool nominee

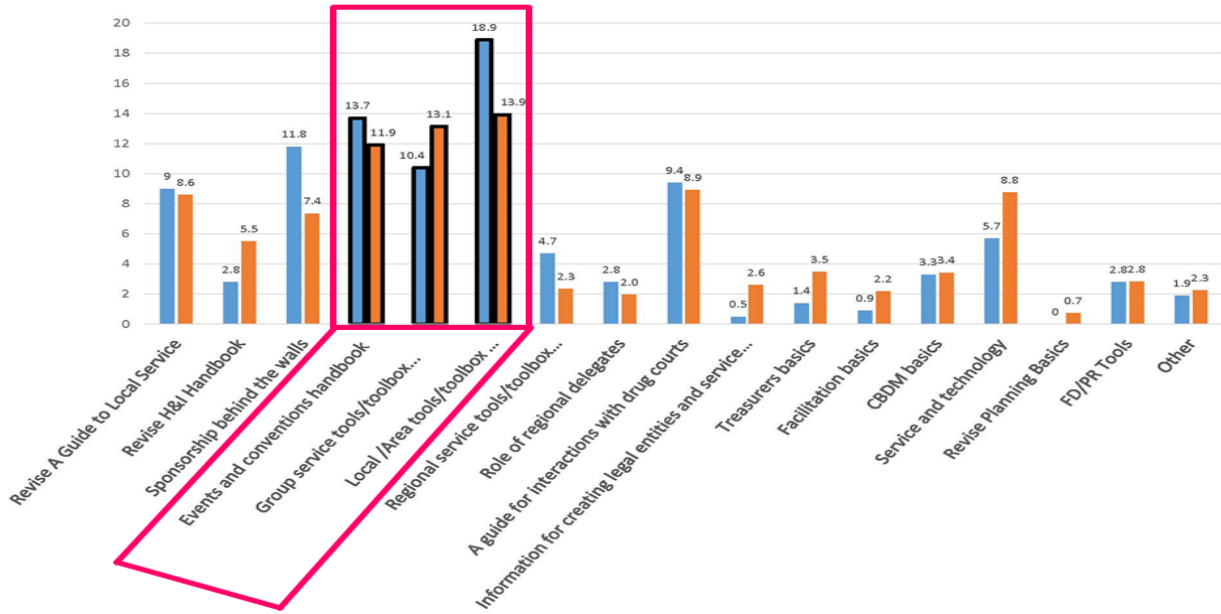
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<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>RBZ Source, if any</u>
Mark B (new)	Florida Region nominee

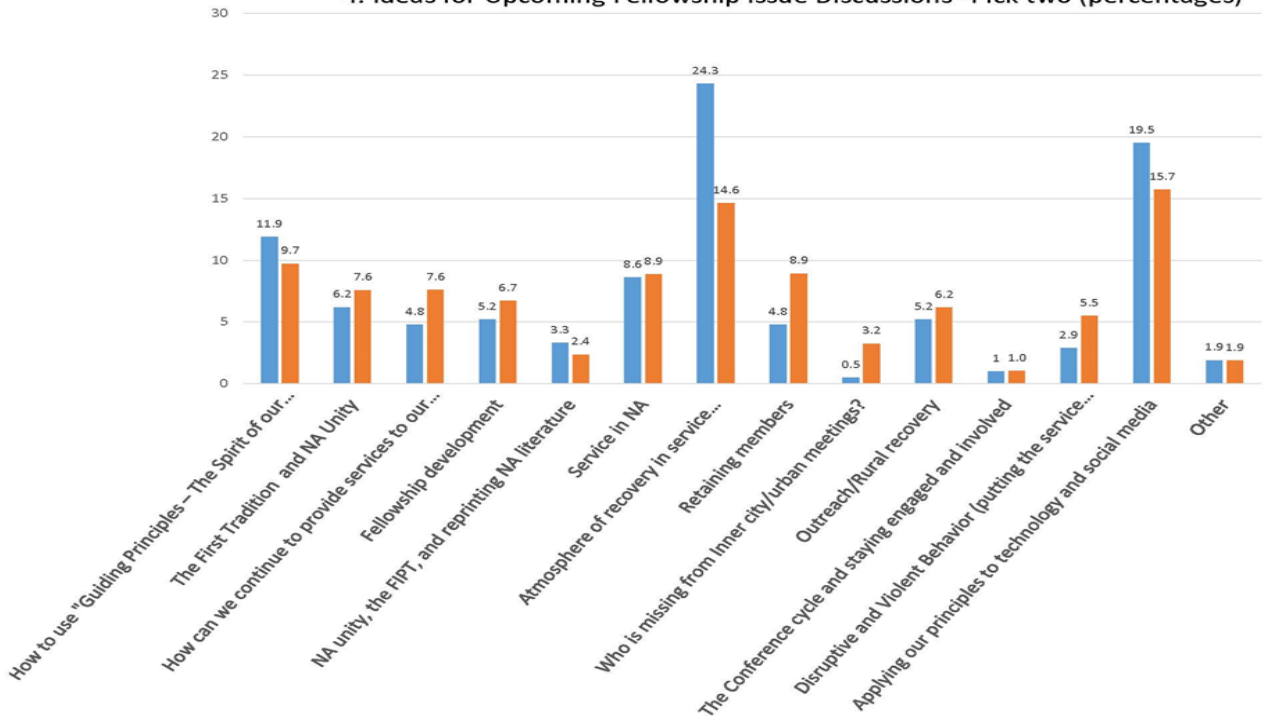
**Literature Survey Results:**



3. What pieces do you believe will meet the needs of NA service in the next 2-6 years?--Pick two (percentages)



4. Ideas for Upcoming Fellowship Issue Discussions--Pick two (percentages)



**Future of the WSC:**

Which option seems most appealing to your region or you?

- **20 (18.3%)**      **No change**
- **22 (20.2%)**      **No change in representation, but other changes**
- **45 (41.3%)**      **Zonal seating**
- **22 (20.2%)**      **Some other basis for change in representation**

NO CHANGE IN REPRESENTATION BUT OTHER CHANGES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What specific ideas do you have for other changes?</li> <li>• What can we do to make the WSC more effective and more able to accommodate growth? How can we sustain our current model?</li> </ul>	
Idea	Dots
More effective time management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vote once</li> <li>• No formal business sessions</li> <li>• RDs workshop all proposals in breakouts</li> <li>• Take care of business first</li> </ul>	31
WSC is a planning session	28
Create CAR at WSC for next WSC	21
Old business only voted on, not debated	19
Changes in function of WSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No business sessions</li> <li>• All discussion</li> <li>• Develop CAR at WSC</li> </ul>	16
3-year conference cycle	15
Redefine the concept of region so that not any service body might be a region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associated to a minimum number of meetings</li> <li>• Take it away from geographical concept (i.e. sub zones)</li> </ul>	15
Change the business process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss; straw poll; amend if needed; vote once</li> </ul>	14
3-cycle study/implementation for a new model of WSC	13
Use webinars more effectively—deliver reports by webinar and have Q&A at WSC for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAWS report</li> <li>• Orientation</li> <li>• Budget, etc</li> </ul>	12
4-year cycle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 years build and discuss</li> <li>• 2 years decision making</li> </ul>	11

ZONAL SEATING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What specific ideas do you have for zonal seating? Existing zones? Something else? Number of delegates per zone? Ideas for/Criteria for future seating of zones that request it?</li> </ul>	
Idea	Dots
7-10 Zones—Geography/language/cultures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zones provide services; WSC does strategic planning</li> <li>• Not necessarily zones as they currently exist, but some may remain same</li> </ul>	28

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Options for delegation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equal voting but different delegation: some zones have more delegates</li> <li>Or equal delegations</li> <li>Or proportional delegation based on meeting #s</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
5 Delegates per zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing zones with exception of US</li> <li>Allows for regional splits</li> <li>Purpose defined by needs</li> <li>More resources for zones, less for WSC</li> <li>WSC meets less often—3 year cycle</li> </ul>	21
Zones as they currently exist (for a start)	21
Clearly defined and designed what a zone is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i.e. continental zones, SE Asia, Mid East, Russia, etc.</li> <li>unify existing zones and have 4 zones in US</li> <li>depending on size, i.e. Russia, could be 2 zones</li> <li>total zones = 16</li> </ul>	15
Formal part of service structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Including accountability</li> <li>Clearly defined</li> </ul>	14
Combine US and Zones to reduce numbers	14
Adopt a percentage model to allow for growth/change and membership of zone	13
Begin with existing zones	10
The number of delegates per zone be determined by the number of meetings/regions per forum; representation is rotated every two cycles	10
Method to capture/ensure true representation	9
Collaboration between zones: Sharing ESH	8
2-delegate team	8
Zonal representation with regional proxies	7
Define Criteria for Zones (precursor to formalizing zones in SS)	7
Current zones divided by cultural boundaries and relevant needs i.e. EDM	7
Equal representation based on registered meetings with NAWs	6
Redefine zones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring ideas to zones</li> <li>Business at zones</li> <li>Planning at WSC</li> </ul>	6

SOME OTHER BASIS FOR CHANGE IN REPRESENTATION	
Idea	Dots
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What ideas do you have for other models of representation? What are the specifics of that idea? If not regions or zones, what type of seating at the WSC would be ideal?</li> </ul>	
Continental representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rep for every continent &amp; WSC every 2 years</li> <li>Use technology between meetings</li> <li>Off year coming together as a continent (i.e. N. America, S.A., Asia, Africa, Europe)</li> <li>Scalable and allows for growth</li> <li>Change by countries</li> </ul>	10
Split continents into quadrants and each quadrant sends a number of delegates to WSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will need flexibility re: geography and implementation time</li> </ul>	6
Geographical boundaries: state or country in regards to number of meetings	5
Multi-regional or zonal or any other name	4

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representation according to number of meetings per country/state, depending on case</li> </ul>	
Continental bodies meet @WSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continental service bodies are decision-making bodies</li> <li>Scalable to accommodate growth</li> </ul>	2
Temporary solution: allow regions to share seat/vote without losing their seat	2
1-group 1-vote technology-based conference	1

**FIPT & NA Literature:**

Results of Straw Poll taken at WSC:

**FROM FIPT SESSION**

Do we believe that the Fellowship still affirms the rules we have agreed on in the FIPT?

- **96 (95%)**            **yes**
- **5 (5%)**                **no**

Should we register and list on the meeting locator, NA groups that clearly intend to use material that is not NA-Fellowship approved?

- **28 (26%)**            **yes**
- **78 (74%)**            **no**

Should we take action to remove NA recovery literature from ASC/RSC sites, even if it means shutting down the site? (This may require ongoing action if a new site is created.)

- **75 (71%)**            **yes**
- **31 (29%)**            **no**

**FROM MOVING FORWARD SESSION**

Do we want to say that NA groups use current editions of NA Fellowship-approved literature?

- **71 (63%)**            **yes**
- **39 (34%)**            **no**
- **3 (3%)**                **abstain**
- **4**                        **present not voting**

Are former editions of NA Fellowship-approved literature different in your mind than the hybrid versions that have been created and never approved in that form?

- **93 (83%)**            **yes**
- **12 (11%)**            **no**
- **7 (6%)**                **abstain**
- **6**                        **present not voting**

Do we want an additional statement from WSC 2016? Two straw polls were taken on this issue during the Moving Forward session.

**First Poll**

- **73 (64%)**            **yes**
- **36 (32%)**            **no**
- **5 (4%)**                **abstain**
- **3**                        **present not voting**

**Second Poll**

- **79 (66%)**            **yes**
- **40 (34%)**            **no**
- **0**                        **abstain**
- **0**                        **present not voting**

We were asked "Do we want an additional statement from WSC 2016?" After some more discussion we were asked again and the results were 79-40-0-0. So the WB is going to craft something and send it out to RDs for review and input before completion. That statement was sent to us on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and I am providing copies to each of you. They want us to answer the questions:

1. Would you approve the statement as written, or would you approve the statement if revisions were made?

Suggested revisions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Would never approve a statement.