

CREATING OUR FUTURE: WSC 2023 COMPILED NOTES

(Numbers in parentheses' indicate votes to prioritize issues)

What are the most important issues you would like to see discussed and addressed by the WSC of the Future project in the upcoming conference cycle to improve the functioning of the WSC.

Salon G–H

Literature prioritization process (24)

More CBDM, more unity (decreased motions), vetting car motions, planning and more CAR collaborative process (21)

Accommodate delegates from time zones...how? (2)

Update seating requirements with goal: to combine seating regions (3)

Amendments timelines to increase clarity (7)

Predatory behavior global (2)

Print and distribute literature within regions, increase access (5)

Face-to-face WSC priority to increase trust and connection for global perspective (12)

Literature Prioritization Process

- Make sure CPs' input is weighted
- Create a literature workgroup to fix prioritization and process
- Define how motions for lit that have been passed will be completed with timelines
- Define the difference between each approval type and communicate best practices to the fellowship
- Suspend the survey until currently approved projects are cleared from the queue
- Have a CP weighted (greater importance) survey, including only currently approved projects
- A clear process to update outdated service and fellowship lit with regular review
- Separate prioritization processes
 - Recovery literature
 - Service literature
 - Approved by the Conference
- The idea should be on either the survey or motion (not both)
- Input from the fellowship for what ideas make it into the literature survey
- Constant updates on ongoing process
- Clearer motions related to literature project plans
- Clear system is a must
- Finish old before starting new

Unity/CBDM/Motions

- Combine questions and discussion to create more and smoother dialogue
- Distribute CAR amendments as soon as possible after release of CAR
- If a motion has consensus, ask if objection to final vote
- Flexibility on CBDM on the floor for adding or changing amendments
- Make proposals at interim WSC and vet them for the next face-to-face Conference

- For amendments brought in on the floor: vote on it the other day so that people can discuss and contemplate/meditate on those new amendments
- Move toward more true CBDM (less Roberts Rules)
- Now winners and losers; move away from “us and them” mentality (less applause and booing)
- More unity building through taking spiritual principles beyond the words

Salon I–J

Table 6

Bringing ideas to develop motions to the ICC

Table 7

Engage WSC – CP participants

- “Ensure that the priorities that hit the floor are the ACTUAL priorities of the CP participants”
- Strategic Planning
 - Tools
 - Mentorship
 - Training and support

Engaging CPs

- Looking at creating a LARGE SCALE – Strategic Planning Process

Table 8

Opportunity to workshop the motions and/or information to provide “better shit” in the process of utilizing the information ahead of time

- Pre-vetting Motions – workshoping the regional motions before they come to WSC
- Global Planning
- Providing assistance and offer support and mentorship
 - Global collaboration for those who are struggling obtaining assistance and information for the WSC
 - Not everyone has the same ability to reach the “top officials”
- Support from and to – need more assistance and have the ability to provide the knowledge and support the recognition to countries that do not have support currently

Table 9

Diversity Ideas”

- Delegate the work BACK TO THE worldwide fellowship – WORLD WIDE FELLOWSHIP vs. the Board (rather than to the board)
- Include the WW Fellowship and the Zones in all the discussions
 - Allow the fellowship to be a part of the conversations
 - Ex. Finland – they have to translate the CAR – which increases the limitations.
 - It’s like “Greek” (not “fair” - in the additional time limitations imposed)

Table 10

Global coordination and best practices

- Fellowship Development is the OVERALL Concern
 - Encourage Fellowship/support service sponsorship (a service body helps another) through global coordination/sharing best practices
 - Encourage FD by providing assistance and collaboration opportunities

- Development by providing assistance and collaborative opportunities
- iii. Encourage proactive and forward-thinking FD
- iv. Invite service bodies (including zones) to synchronize planning cycles
- v. Identifying the diverse Fellowship Needs through Zonal Collaboration/Cooperation

Hidden Hills

Unify our PR efforts (10)
 Improving communication within service body & membership (4)
 Survey protection and integrity
 DRT/MAT opinion as a fellowship (14)
 Rethinking WSC process including CAR/CAT/Survey (21)
 Mentorship prior to WSC for delegates (12)
 Make greater use of strategic planning & collaboration (2)
 Better process for literature and project plan selection (19)
 Amendments published 60 days in advance
 More inclusive voting, location and language (1)
 Completion of project from prior conference (4)
 Illicit literature (4)
 Understanding global nature & problems that go along with it (14)
 Turn the WSC cycle into an ongoing conversation (7)
 Repurpose into fellowship development reports training and more (9)

Issue #1 – Rethinking the WSC process for the CAR/CAT Survey

More concise motion essay due to language translation issues. Shorter more concise summaries.
 Less tied to a rigid conference cycle
 Release amendments earlier
 Eliminate overlap between CAR/CAT/Survey and once prioritized keep it prioritized
 Eliminate procedural motions from the CAR
 Have the ZD/RD teams more involved in workgroups
 Getting info out sooner to effectively inform the fellowship – 6 months
 Each member registering to vote on literature (don't see a lot of buy in from newcomers)
 Motions only come from collaborative workgroups
 No literature motions
 Process for combining similar motions
 Develop portal for continued use throughout conference cycle
 Survey only open to delegates (literature)
 Vote (final) on CAR motions before coming to WSC
 Meeting with World Board members

More collaboration & strategic planning & training to take back to groups

Issue # 2 – Better Process for Literature & Project Plan Selection

Motions feed from regions regarding literature into survey not to floor

Once prioritized follow through allowing for some flexibility

Ideas must be well understood & easy to explain/communicate

No regional motions for literature

Accountability from Board for approved plans; follow through

Get it done

Survey main driving force for literature

A) Regional votes weighted more than individual votes

B) More discussion prior to prioritization of lit projects via webinars, CP meetings, zones, regions etc.

Call survey “Literature Survey” instead of CAR survey

Build more consensus for projects (eliminate low scoring items & re-prioritize)

Issue # 3 – DRT/MAT Opinion as a Fellowship

Reframe the topic: How can we welcome Everyone? How members live by choice (ex. Spirituality)

We believe in complete abstinence

We don't have an opinion (ex. Sponsorship IP)

Collection of experience

Member problem not newcomer (prescription, service, tags, judgement)

Gather group input on policies about DRT/MAT in services

Develop an IP of “one addict's experience” with DRT/MAT (many addicts input)

Develop a way for members on DRT/MAT to share with each other

Data gathering for sponsoring “issues” when sponsoring members on DRT/MAT

Defer decisions to local communities

Drop notion of having a “global opinion” because each country/zone may have different laws, treatments, etc.

IP separates into categories of topics:

- Meeting attendance
- Service
- Sponsorship
- Path to abstinence

Issue #4 – Understanding Global Nature & Problems that Go Along with it

Zonal collaboration globally to better understand issues

Communications and translations giving more time for translations

Take into consideration cultural and economic differences, overcoming boundaries

Translation of service manuals

Building trust and rapport in local communities

Economic struggles (natural disaster, value of money, recession)

Cultural differences (different languages within own country)

Government/Politics

- Unable to provide meeting space
- War
- Supply chain, control over import/export

H&I/PR within US (prisons, background checks)

NAWS become official facilitator for refugees to start new meetings in non-English speaking countries

Better visibility/marketing in other non-US countries (multiple languages, buses, signs, helpline)

Ventura Room

A meeting between 2 Zonal Forums at the WSC

Create a service body that can train RDs (13)

Access to all service materials, audio, video, written, online in all languages (2)

Create workgroups to deal with specific topics: planning, finances, HRP, CAR amendments, admission criteria (12)

Uniform literature creation process (6)

Translate all the addendums of the CAR (1)

Topics to work on during interim conference: 6th Tradition, finances, WCNA, PR, enquiries (4)

Create a service body that can train RDs

Conference procedures manual

Institutionalize the functions of zonal delegates

Focus on training incoming RDs with information from outgoing RDs

Mock training presentations

Create workgroups to deal with specific topics: planning, finances, HRP, CAR amendments, admission criteria

Rotation and structured continuity of the work

Participation of all members in all languages in workgroups

Permanent workgroups to continuously provide ideas and work projects

Timelines for specific workgroups

Regional members to participate in WSC workgroups, CAR amendments, virtual literature

Virtual Room 1

How much room do we have – possibility of larger venue?

Location of the WSC – outside the US? (3)

Why do all regions need to be represented when zones are present? (4)

Implications to the WSC of seating new regions (1)

How can the WSC help to mentor and train trusted servants (3)

What is the role of technology in future WSCs – is it accessible for all participants? (2)

Can we get concrete recommendations from the workgroup this cycle?

Accessibility of the WSC – particularly for distant time zones and for communities without reliable infrastructure (7)

How can we make better use of CPs as a human resource to help achieve the tasks determined by the WSC? (1)

How can we better share best practices?

Increasing direct communication with NAWs at the area and group level and increase awareness and knowledge of what the WSC does in the local fellowships (1)

What could be the role of the WSC be in literature development and translations (2)

Accessibility of the WSC – particularly for distant time zones and for communities without reliable infrastructure

Shorten the WSC day – what do we stop doing?

- No lunch break and a shorter day
- Online discussion sessions before the WSC

Provide better information about the limitations of time zones and infrastructure to aid WSC decisions about accessibility

Provide hotel rooms locally for VCPs – this was discussed for 2020 in Australia – how can we help VCPs to have stable and accessible access?

Could we utilize local offices as WSC “hubs”

Could zonal conferences that connect virtually be organized?

The last 3 years have shown us that we can reimagine how the WSC happens – what can open-mindedness help us to achieve?

What does representation look like, given our limitations?

Evidence of zonal collaboration demonstrates that zonal representation is possible

The creation of zonal delegates was intended to be adjunct to regional delegation

Zones are very diverse in what they do and in terms of size and what their member regions need

Zones create connection and the possibility for one region to help another - Connections based on language can be made

Reducing the size of the WSC has been discussed since the 90's

Zones are evolving

There is fear in some regions about losing their “voice” but we are moving in that direction

Looking at regional boundaries (mainly in the US): What will it take and when will it happen? Focus on what we would gain, rather than what we would lose

Virtual Room 2

Encourage mentoring and training in service

Mentoring with role playing. Get familiar with the GWSNA and the CAR and procedures before arriving
How workshops are addressed.

Delegate teams can provide the best training.

Time becomes an issue with all else that a delegate team needs to do. Maybe a workshop on how to do it would help.

Familiarity sessions FIPT and GWSNA. Tap into the knowledge of our more experienced CPs.

Giving accurate information about processes and procedures on the floor of the conference.

More CP webinars—FIPT, GWSNA, meet the maker, workshopping styles, reports, how to mentor (breakout rooms with training sessions—maybe with someone who served at the last WSC).

The spirit of rotation. Information gap between representatives. Continuity of service.

When one region conducts a CAR workshop (for example) invite other regions to attend virtually—there may be language barriers.

Invite other regional delegates to present workshops to another region.

Workshops: How create project plans, how to vote on motions

Collect information about how to be a good delegate. Best Practices.

Cheat Sheet what is expected of you. About bringing conscience, report back to regions (let CPs know there will be summaries provided after the conference), let your region know there are virtual CAR/CAT workshops in other regions they can attend, how to submit a regional motion.

Cofacilitators—former cofacs for new participants, Decision Making for Dummies, yellow card, purple card, explaining some of the practicalities.

Page 53-54 CR printed out for CPs—that way they will know there are two ways to vote but a roll call vote has to happen before the actual vote. Key information as handouts.

Connect with your World Board contact—they are your service navigator. WB can connect a CP with someone with who has the information. World Board members need to be within the CP time zone.

More investigation on zones needs to reach unseated communities

Meet the maker sessions—to hear from the makers of motions.

Support World Services global PR (including government relations)

NAWS help in PR. Provide information about abstinence.

Greatest need in developing countries

FD teams in zones and regions could provide support (table at events and answer questions)

WB members conducted workshops for local fellowship and interviewed with a TV station. Maybe zones could do this?

Documents of cooperation or NGO in some countries in order for NA to grow.

Seek to improve the WSC by continuing to evaluate and make revisions to decision-making sessions

Put more responsibility on the zones. In a way to cut down time in decision making sessions

Invite service bodies (including zones) to synchronize planning cycles

If service bodies had more synchronized calendars it would be helpful

Maintain the clarity of our message

This is an irritating statement

Review and approve NAWS budget

Simplify the budget for understanding. More of a summary.

Difficult to explain to regions. Culture differences with regard to \$\$ amounts.

Provide oversight of NA literature

Where are translations in their stage development