



Partial, Virtual WSC 2020, Part One
24 April – 3 May 2020
Summary of Decisions

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Motions

Motion V1: Because current government law, public health orders, and other crisis-related effects preclude conducting the World Service Conference in person, we resolve that all 2020 World Service Conference participants may participate and vote remotely in the same manner as the current policy for participants who are unable to obtain visas:

“Participants who are unable to attend the WSC due to visa issues may participate remotely. Remote participants have the same rights as if they were at the WSC” 2018 GWSNA

Maker: World Board

Intent: To allow WSC 2020 to make decisions on issues that participants have selected to proceed with virtually in April 2020. These issues include an emergency budget and project plans, elections, and the FIPT moratorium end date.

Decision: 130 yes – 1 no – 2 abstentions – 0 present not voting 98% Carried by Consensus

Motion # V2: To adopt an emergency financial frame to serve as the World Service Conference approved budget for Narcotics Anonymous World Service, Inc. for the fiscal years 2021 and 2022. We acknowledge that this frame will be adjusted by the World Board during the cycle as a result of current and changing conditions. All adjustments made will be reported to conference participants.

Maker: World Board

Intent: To fulfill the responsibilities required of NA World Services, Inc as the trustee called out in Article IV, Section 12 of the FIPT and current policies in GWSNA while at the same time acknowledging the uncertain and changing circumstances of the world. All other reporting requirements remain the same.

Article IV: Rights and responsibilities of the Trustee

Section 12: Trustee reporting obligation

Each year, the Trustee shall give a full written report of its activities to the Trustor. This report shall be delivered to all participants of the World Service Conference at or before its biennial meeting, and shall be available at cost or less to any Narcotics Anonymous member. This report shall include:

1. A year-end financial report of the previous calendar year.
2. A description of all Trustee activities funded from proceeds generated by the Trust in the previous year.
3. A budget and project description for Trustee activities planned for the coming conference cycle.

Straw Poll: 79 yes - 47 no - 5 abstentions - 2 present not voting – 60% Support

Motion V2R: To adopt the Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. emergency budget for 2021-2022 as presented.

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 110 yes – 18 no – 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 85% Consensus Support

Decision: 108 yes – 23 no – 1 abstention – 1 present not voting 82% Carried by Consensus

Motion V3: As WSC 2020 participants, we acknowledge our understanding and acceptance that all 2020-2022 project plans were created and offered before the current world crisis and public health-imposed quarantine and will only be worked on when and if the resources become available. We will consider each project plan presented for the 2020-2022 cycle on a project by project basis as required by current conference policy with this qualification. We will also provide priorities for the plans for new and revising existing Recovery IPs, IDTs, and the Local Service Toolbox plan.

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 112 yes – 17 no – 4 abstentions – 1 present not voting 84% Consensus Support

Decision: 116 yes – 10 no – 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 91% Carried by Consensus

Motion V4: To approve the Spiritual Principle a Day project for inclusion in the 2020-2022 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. budget.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 115 yes – 11 no – 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 90% Carried by Consensus

Motion V5: To approve the New Recovery Information Pamphlets project plan.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 85 yes – 41 no – 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 66% Failed

Motion V6: To approve the Revising Existing Recovery Information Pamphlets project plan.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 92 yes – 32 no – 4 abstentions – 2 present not voting 72% Carried by strong support

Motion V7: To approve the Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs) project plan.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 104 yes – 17 no – 5 abstentions – 4 present not voting 83% Carried by Consensus

Motion V8: To approve the Local Service Toolbox project plan.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 108 yes – 17 no – 2 abstentions – 3 present not voting 85% Carried by Consensus

Motion V9: To approve the Role of Zones project plan.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 99 yes – 23 no – 5 abstentions – 3 present not voting 78% Carried by strong support

Motion V10: To approve the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)* revision project plan.

Maker: World Board

Decision: 108 yes – 17 no – 3 abstentions – 2 present not voting 84% Carried by Consensus

Items Voted on and Polled without Motion Numbers:

Note: Votes indicate decisions, and polls are straw polls to get a sense of the body, but not a final decision.

Process-Related Items

Poll: Does everyone understand the process we are going to use?

Results: 126 yes - 3 no - 3 abstentions - 0 present not voting Consensus Support

Vote: Do you support a delegate being able to give their speaking right to their AD in a queue?

Offered in response to participants' discussion

Decision: 118 yes - 8 no - 3 abstentions - 3 present not voting 91% Passes with Consensus Support

Budget- and Project Plan-Related Items

Poll: Are you in favor of passing the emergency budget?

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 85 yes – 37 no – 5 abstentions – 4 present not voting 67% Strong Support

Vote: Does the body wish to reconsider its decisions made on Motions V3-V10?

Offered in response to participants' request

1st Straw Poll: 38 yes – 88 no – 0 abstentions – 3 present not voting 30% Strong Lack of Support

2nd Straw Poll: 48 yes – 81 no – 0 abstentions – 3 present not voting 36% Strong Lack of Support

Decision: 33 yes - 93 no - 1 abstention - 5 present not voting Fails with Strong Lack of Support

Note: The following was an attempt to make a decision without objection. An objection was made and polled and then the item was reworded to the positive, as reflected in the following poll.

Poll: Are there any objections to accepting DRT/MAT as it relates to NA—what do we want to say in a piece of NA literature? as our first IDT and approving a fellowship survey about this topic?

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 104 no - 5 abstentions - 6 present not voting 83% Consensus not in Support

Poll: To accept DRT/MAT as it relates to NA—what do we want to say in a piece of NA literature? as our first IDT and approving a fellowship survey about this topic.

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 101 yes - 24 no - 4 abstentions - 6 present not voting 78% Strong Support

Vote: To split the DRT/MAT motion to separate out the survey.

Maker: Chicagoland Region

Decision: 85 yes - 41 no - 1 abstentions - 7 present not voting 67% Passes with Strong Support

Vote: To accept DRT/MAT as it relates to NA—what do we want to say in a piece of NA literature? as our first IDT

1st Straw Poll: 92 yes – 34 no – 3 abstentions – 4 present not voting 71% Strong Support

Decision: 87 yes - 39 no - 4 abstentions - 4 present not voting 67% Passes with Strong Support

Vote: To approve a fellowship survey about this (DRT/MAT) topic.

Straw Poll: 122 yes – 7 no – 4 abstentions – 1 present not voting 92% Consensus Support

Decision: 122 yes - 10 no – 1 abstentions - 1 present not voting 92% Passes with Consensus Support

Vote: To accept two topics as our beginning focus for the Local Service Toolbox project – online meetings best practices and carrying the NA message effectively and virtually.

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 124 yes – 5 no – 1 abstention – 4 present not voting 95% Consensus Support

Decision: 127 yes - 2 no – 1 abstention – 3 present not voting Passed with 98% Consensus Support

Vote: To accept The Loner – IP #21 for the Revising existing recovery literature project.

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 118 yes – 11 no – 3 abstentions – 3 present not voting 89% Consensus Support

Decision: 111 yes - 16 no – 2 abstentions – 1 present not voting 86% Passes with Consensus Support

Vote: To agree to conducting the project prioritization later in the upcoming Conference cycle.

Maker: World Board

Straw Poll: 120 yes – 4 no – 5 abstentions – 4 present not voting 93% Consensus Support

Decision: 123 yes - 6 no – 2 abstentions – 4 present not voting Passes with 94% Consensus Support

Next Steps for the WSC

Poll: Do you want to come back together virtually as a WSC in this conference cycle to consider CAR and CAT motions?

Maker: World Board

Overnight epoll: 96 yes - 30 no 76% Strong Support

1st Straw Poll: 102 yes - 30 no – 0 abstentions – 1 present not voting 77% Strong Support

2nd Straw Poll: 90 yes - 38 no – 1 abstention – 5 present not voting 70% Strong Support

3rd Straw Poll: 75 yes - 49 no – 3 abstentions – 6 present not voting 59% Support

4th Straw Poll: 76 yes - 48 no – 1 abstention – 8 present not voting 61% Support

5th Straw Poll: 76 yes - 48 no – 3 abstentions – 6 present not voting 60% Support –

Cofacilitator ruled that the 5th straw poll would be a final vote and the measure would fail. Appeal the decision of the Cofacilitator:

Vote to uphold the decision of the Cofacilitator 56 yes - 68 no - 3 abstentions – 3 present not voting Appeal carries

Amendment: Pacific Cascade/San Diego Imperial

To postpone motions 3-5 till WSC 2022 and to continue WSC 2020 discussing motions 1, 2, and 6-16.

Straw Poll: 82 yes – 36 no – 7 abstentions – 7 present not voting 66% Support

Decision: 65 yes - 59 no – 3 abstentions – 6 present not voting 51% Support –Fails

Cofacilitator ruled that this result (which was a second straw poll) would be a final vote and the measure would fail.

Appeal the decision of the cofacilitator:

Vote to uphold the decision of the Cofacilitator 106 yes - 21 no - 1 abstentions – 5 present not voting Appeal not supported.

Amendment: Do you support to come back together virtually as a WSC 2020 in this cycle with the items for decision to be determined by CPs through eballot.

Maker: Cofacilitator in response to CP discussion

1st Straw Poll: 95 yes - 28 no – 1 abstentions – 7 present not voting 77% Strong Support

2nd Straw Poll: 98 yes - 27 no – 1 abstentions – 5 present not voting 78% Strong Support

Vote: 97 yes - 24 no – 1 abstention – 1 present not voting 80% Consensus Support

Elections:

World Board

Danny G

Eduardo G

Jorge M

Michael B

Human Resource Panel

Arne H-G

Laura B

Cofacilitator

Mario T

Decisions Made Via Epoll on April 2 :

These decisions were made by Conference participants via epoll to determine whether or not to hold a partial, virtual WSC

1. Do you support proceeding virtually with a partial WSC 2020 to decide essential business only?

Decision: 107 yes – 12 no – 0 abstentions – 1 present not voting 89.9% Passes with Consensus Support

2. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on the minimum - an emergency budget and the project plans outlined in the 2020 CAT?

Decision: 106 yes – 10 no - 2 abstentions – 2 present not voting 89.8% Passes with Consensus Support

3. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on the FIPT operational rules moratorium end date?

Decision: 86 yes – 26 no – 5 abstentions – 3 present not voting 73.5% Passes with Strong Support

4. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on CAR Motions?

Decision: 60 yes – 54 no – 2 abstentions – 4 present not voting 51.7% Fails with Support

5. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on the Strategic Plan?

Decision: 53 yes – 51 no – 12 abstentions – 4 present not voting 45.7% Fails with Lack of Support

6. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting discussions and decisions on Seating Motions?

Decision: 58 yes – 54 no – 7 abstentions – 1 present not voting 48.7% Fails with Lack of Support

7. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting a discussion on supporting the Fellowship in carrying the message and online meetings during the current crisis?

Decision: 60 yes – 50 no – 7 abstentions – 3 present not voting 51.3% Fails with Support

8. If a virtual partial WSC 2020 is approved, do you support conducting Elections?

Decision: 110 yes – 9 no - 0 abstentions – 1 present not voting 92.4% Passes with Consensus Support

9. If approved, should the partial virtual WSC 2020 be scheduled at two sessions of two hours per meeting day between 25 April and 3 May?

Decision: 90 yes – 25 no – 3 abstentions – 2 present not voting 76.3% Passes with Strong Support

10. If a partial virtual WSC 2020 is approved, is it easier for participants if these meeting dates are scheduled on weekends?

Decision: 68 yes – 33 no – 11 abstentions – 8 present not voting 60.7% Fails with Support

Amendments to Motion V2R

These amendments were sent in via email immediately close of business for the day and epolled overnight. Because none of these amendments were supported, the body opted to approve Motion V2R without considering any of them further.

VAM 1 – Colombia RD

To adjust the budget reducing by 50% the support to the WSC and fellowship development items.

Intent: That expenses to support the WSC and fellowship development which add up to more than \$800,000 dollars for the fiscal cycle 2020-2021 are reduced by 50% until we overcome this emergency, and that the budget for the 2021-2022 cycle remains the same as you had presented it for these two items.

Overnight epoll: 18 yes – 92 no – 10 abstentions – 11 present not voting 15% Consensus Lack of Support

VAM 2 - Brazil RD

Let it be decided in the budget that the World Board will not hold more than 4 board meetings in the 2020-2022 cycle.

Intent: Use technological resources and reduce costs.

Overnight epoll: 24 yes – 92 no – 8 abstentions – 7 present not voting 19% Consensus Lack of Support

VAM 3 - Pacific Cascade RD

To eliminate the world convention in Australia In 2021

Intent- To eliminate the \$1,265,381.00 of possible expenses.

Overnight epoll: 30 yes – 81 no – 11 abstentions – 9 present not voting 25% Strong Lack of Support

Withdrawn after poll was sent out

VAM4 – South Africa RD

We would like to have a reduction of expenses on literature distribution costs. To send less free literature to the fellowship and send electronic literature to the same fellowship instead.

We can possibly look at a new income by charging a small, respectable fee, for electronic literature to raise funds.

We would like to see a reduction in FD expenses, specifically on travelling, in person workshops and literature distribution, especially in Africa. We need to try new ways to support the African fellowship

and find a more result driven way to help Africa. Throwing money at Africa does not mean we are helping NA as a whole, let alone in Africa.

Overnight epoll: 34 yes – 76 no – 11 abstentions – 10 present not voting 28% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 5 – Baja Son RD

To formulate an emergency Budget where the reserve is not touched and work only with the incomes and the expenses as much as we can, taking into consideration only what is essential.

Overnight epoll: 30 yes – 93 no – 5 abstentions – 3 present not voting 23% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 6: Aotearoa New Zealand RD

That the emergency budget be only 'for the fiscal year 2021'

Overnight epoll: 32 yes – 87 no – 7 abstentions – 5 present not voting 25% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 7: Aotearoa New Zealand RD

The emergency budget be redefined and based on the actual/revised emergency budget in place for the last months of the 2020 fiscal year.

Overnight epoll: 21 yes – 95 no – 7 abstentions – 8 present not voting 17% Consensus Lack of Support

VAM 8 – BC RD

That the World Board adjust the emergency budget to limit the deficit to \$1 million before depreciation and amortization for the two year period, and that the World Board make further adjustments to the budget as necessary over the two year period to keep the deficit capped at \$1 million before depreciation and amortization.

Overnight epoll: 40 yes – 69 no – 12 abstentions – 10 present not voting 33% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 9 – Sam L

To adopt an emergency financial frame to serve as the World Service Conference approved budget for Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. for the fiscal years 2021 and 2022. Immediately following the close of Virtual WSC 2020, a Virtual Emergency Budget Workgroup composed of WSC 2020 RDs and ZDs will be selected. We acknowledge that this frame will be adjusted by the World Board with the support of the Virtual Emergency Budget Workgroup during the cycle as a result of current and changing conditions. All adjustments will be reported to conference participants.”

Overnight epoll: 42 yes – 72 no – 8 abstentions – 9 present not voting 34% Lack of Support

VAM 10- San Diego Imperial RD

To reduce Income level for first year down to 50% of Original Budget instead of 75% and to reduce expenses down 20% of Original Budget Expenses instead of the 4.9% reduction that the Current Emergency Budget shows.

Intent - To reduce the deficit and to cover any further delays this year in getting back to business as usual. Setting a lower base for this Emergency Budget I feel is a more conservative approach and fits with the principals in the 11th Concept.

Overnight epoll: 21 yes – 85 no – 15 abstentions – 10 present not voting 17% Consensus Lack of Support

Withdrawn after poll was sent out

VAM 11 – Australian RD

New emergency budget to be presented in 15 days time. Budget to be worked on by WB and 6 RD/ZD - selection of RD/ZD to consist of 3 RD/ZD in favour of budget presented and 3 RD/ZD not in favour of budget presented during the virtual WSC. All WSC voting participants will be able to vote using remote technology within 5 days of the new emergency budget being presented

Overnight epoll: 34 yes – 82 no – 8 abstentions – 7 present not voting 27% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 12 – CA Midstate RDA

I am making an amendment to the emergency budget to reflect Anthony's 85% reduction in orders for the income section of the literature sales. It is at 33% right now and does not reflect the amount stated. Additionally, the reduction in salary needs to be identified because I calculated the reduction at 11% and 7% decrease in overhead which wasn't stated and isn't congruent with less travel, salaries, etc. Change the member contributions from \$318818 to \$92,000 because it was stated at \$8k per month which is \$92k not \$318818. The income and expense needs additional explanation as the 25% decrease in expenses and isn't reflected in the emergency budget. I created a spreadsheet with with the current emergency budget and original budget and the percentages do not reflect what was discussed online

Overnight epoll: 25 yes – 80 no – 15 abstentions – 11 present not voting 21% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 13 – Alaska RD

In the Spirit of the 1st Tradition and Building unity a regular reporting schedule that the fellowship can count on regarding rapid budgetary changes needs to be established along with approval of the emergency budget.

Intent: to inspire confidence throughout the fellowship in the response of the WB as trusted servants and transparency in the budgeting process through this emergency response.

Overnight epoll: 57 yes – 60 no – 7 abstentions – 7 present not voting 46% Lack of Support

VAM 14 – LAZF ZD

reduce all the amounts of the emergency budget, both in the income and expense categories by 50% for the first year, and by 20% for the second year

Overnight epoll: 22 yes – 93 no – 9 abstentions – 7 present not voting 18% Consensus Lack of Support

VAM 15 – New Jersey RD

That the cuts to personnel for Fiscal 2020-2021 be increased from 7% overall to 20% overall, AND the cuts to Overhead be increased from 11% overall to 20% overall while the deficit exceeds \$1.5M. The breakdown by expense category to be decided by the WB.

Overnight epoll: 17 yes – 91 no – 14 abstentions – 9 present not voting 14% Consensus Lack of Support

VAM 16 – Arizona RD

All current literature projects, other than those that could be continued electronically, be put on hold through 2020.

Overnight epoll: 45 yes – 76 no – 5 abstentions – 5 present not voting 36% Lack of Support

VAM 17 – Arizona RD

Based on current inventory amounts, Literature production & distribution be reduced by reduced 20%, .If current inventory will not meet current demand (which appears to be low), then the production should be based on meeting current demand.

Overnight epoll: 29 yes – 84 no – 9 abstentions – 9 present not voting 24% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 18 – Arizona RD

World conference support, currently on at 1.3M for 20-21 should be carefully considered. Since we are currently meeting electronically, how much needs to be spent in this first year, or at least the first six months that fall in 2020. Since the details of the World Board costs are not given it is unclear what the \$110,000 is, but if it is travel then the Board should meet electronically and save this money. Personnel costs could be contained by allowing WSC members to be more active in projects and create work groups which would include a NAW's facilitator.

Overnight epoll: 31 yes – 80 no – 12 abstentions – 8 present not voting 25% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 19 – Arizona RD

Fellowship development is very high in personnel costs. We suggest that all travel (assuming travel is included in personnel costs since this is the long pole in the tent) be put on hold for the rest of 2020. Any other personnel contributions, such as the valuable assistance provided by NAWs' staff should be left in the budget. It is difficult to imagine staff support would equal 1.2M.

Overnight epoll: 43 yes – 73 no – 8 abstentions – 7 present not voting 35% Lack of Support

VAM 20- Região Brasil Sul RD

That WCNA 2021 be transferred to the 2022-2024 cycle. And adjusting accordingly the following conventions.

Overnight epoll: 37 yes – 75 no – 10 abstentions – 9 present not voting 30% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 21- Região Brasil Sul RD

That the World Board's face-to-face meetings be only two for the 2020-2022 cycle. That the other meetings be made online.

Overnight epoll: 43 yes – 77 no – 6 abstentions – 5 present not voting 34% Lack of Support

VAM 22 - Região Brasil Sul RD

A further reduction of 20% in the expenses referring to Fellowship Development for the 2020-2022 cycle.

Overnight epoll: 28 yes – 90 no – 7 abstentions – 6 present not voting 22% Strong Lack of Support

VAM 23- Região Brasil Sul RD

A further reduction of 20% in the Overhead and Personnel expenses in the following topics: Fellowship Development, Literature Production and Distribution, Activities, World Service Conference

Overnight epoll: 23 yes – 89 no – 11 abstentions – 8 present not voting 19% Consensus Lack of Support