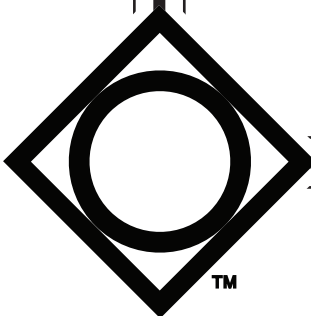


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PREAMBLE

The Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction.

As a twelve step program – we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope.

We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone; by practicing the Twelve Steps of Nar-Anon; and by changing our own attitudes.

We will respect your anonymity.

Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a twelve step program, we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope.

VISION STATEMENT

We will carry the message of hope throughout the world to those affected by the addiction of someone near to them.

We will do this by:

- Letting them know they are no longer alone;
- Practicing the Twelve Steps of Nar-Anon;
- Encouraging growth through service;
- Making information available through outreach encompassing public information, hospitals, institutions, and websites; and
- Changing our own attitudes.

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INTRODUCTION

The Nar-Anon Family Groups Guide to World Services (GWS) provides information, explanation, and description of the Nar-Anon world services' structure and system. Members of Nar-Anon who volunteer, or who are interested in volunteering, to be trusted servants at the world service level will find this guide an invaluable tool in giving back to the program for the peace and serenity they have received.

The *GWS* is a resource for service bodies in every country committed to providing services to the Nar-Anon Fellowship. Due to cultural differences, geography, national, or provincial law, parts of this guide may be inappropriate for use. In these cases, certain adjustments may be made, provided these adjustments are consistent with Nar-Anon's Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts, and authorization has been obtained from Nar-Anon's World Service Office (WSO). For further information concerning adjustments to the *GWS*, contact Nar-Anon WSO.

Concept One of Nar-Anon Service states, "To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the Nar-Anon Family Groups have joined together to create a structure that develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of Nar-Anon as a whole." This guide is part of that fulfillment.

Nar-Anon Service Structure

Our members are guided by Nar-Anon's Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service at all levels of the Nar-Anon Family Groups (NFG) service structure. Trusted servants should be ever mindful that the final responsibility and authority for Nar-Anon services rests with the Nar-Anon Family Groups.

The following is a brief description of the service units of Nar-Anon. A more complete description of service on the local level, including groups, areas, and regions, can be found in *The Nar-Anon Family Groups' Guide to Local Services*.

Nar-Anon and Narateen Groups

Nar-Anon and Narateen groups are formed to provide support to families and friends of addicts. The founding of a group and its functions are the responsibility of those qualified for membership with the understanding that the group and its members will abide by Nar-Anon's Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. Each group elects a group service representative (GSR) who participates in the wider service organization of Nar-Anon.

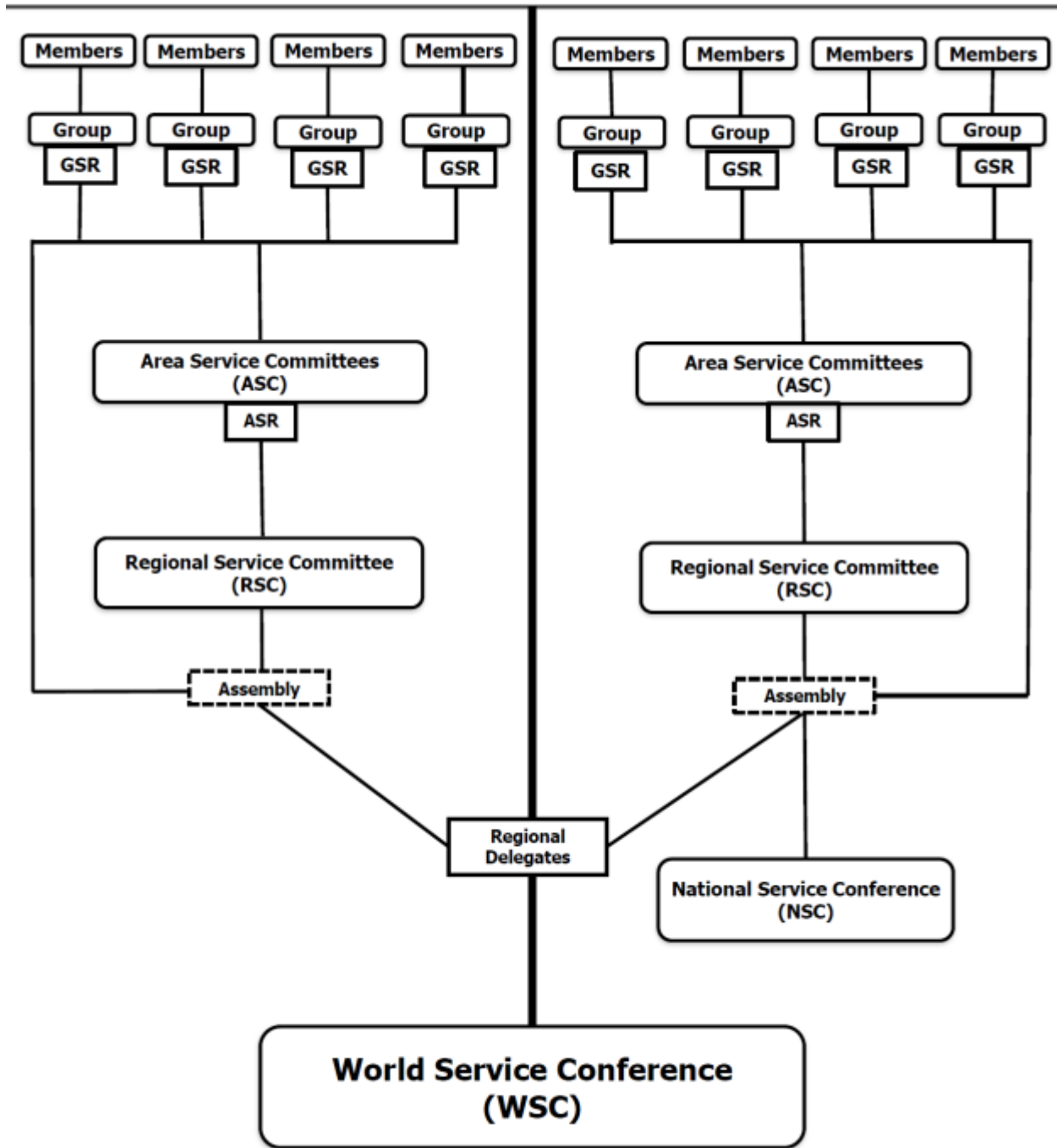
Area Service Committee (ASC)

The ASC supports its local groups, hears reports, and discusses area and group matters. Members of the ASC are GSRs, officers, and subcommittee chairs. Officers of the ASC are the area service representative (ASR), secretary, and treasurer. The ASR is the area chair and represents the area as a member of the regional service committee.

Regional Service Committee (RSC)

The RSC supports areas and groups by providing opportunities for them to communicate with each other, acting on behalf of their common interest, and encouraging growth of the fellowship. Members of the RSC are ASRs, officers, subcommittee chairs, the regional delegate, and alternate delegate. Officers of the RSC are the chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer. The RSC conducts meetings and assemblies where its members address regional service matters and issues for the World Service Conference (WSC). Regions are encouraged to register with the World Service Office (WSO).

Nar-Anon World Service Structure



Nar-Anon World Services

Nar-Anon World Services provide information, communication, coordination, and guidance to those all over the world through the World Service Office, World Service Board of Trustees (BOT), world service committees and website. Tradition Nine states, "Our groups, as such ought never to be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve." This allows for a service structure that makes it possible for the Nar-Anon Fellowship to carry its message with maximum effectiveness. These services ensure that we deal with the issues and needs of our entire fellowship.

Regional Delegates

Regional delegates work for the good of Nar-Anon, providing two-way communication between the region and Nar-Anon as a whole. Delegates speak for members, groups, and areas within their region at the world service level and bring the views and ideas of worldwide Nar-Anon back to their regions.

Delegates are fully active participants of the WSC, elected by the region's GSRs, and accountable to their regions. As members of the conference, they hear and discuss issues affecting the Nar-Anon Fellowship. During the cycle between conferences they also serve on world service committees to further the work set in motion at the WSC.

Regional alternate delegates work closely with their delegates, participating in regional service activities and becoming familiar with the duties of the delegate. If a regional delegate is unable to fulfill the three-year term, the alternate delegate is prepared to complete the delegate's term.

Alternate delegates may attend the WSC with their delegates to become familiar with the WSC process. In the delegate's absence, the alternate will be recognized as a full participant on the floor of the conference. Seating on the floor of the conference is limited to two representatives per region, one delegate and one alternate. Alternate delegates may also serve on world service committees.

World Service Conference (WSC)

The WSC is a biennial event for the expression of the group conscience of the Nar-Anon Fellowship. Its participants are elected regional delegates and alternate delegates, the World Service Board of Trustees, world service committee chairs, WSC Facilitator, and the executive director of World Service Office and staff.

World Service Board of Trustees (BOT)

In accordance with the Nar-Anon Twelve Concepts of Service, the World Service Board of Trustees acts as guardian of the Nar-Anon Traditions, provides support for the administration of Nar-Anon World Services, and is responsible for and has legal authority to manage the worldwide affairs of Nar-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc. (NFGH, Inc.), a registered non-profit corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of California and the United States.

World Service Committees

Many decisions made at the WSC are carried out through the efforts of the world service committees. Committees are comprised of trustees, delegates, alternate delegates, and other Nar-Anon members. The world service committees are Budget and Finance, Events (World Service Conference and World Convention), Literature, Narateen, Newsletter, Outreach, Policy and Guidelines, Translations, Website, and World Pool.

World Service Office (WSO)

Nar-Anon's World Service Office, located in California, is the headquarters of the worldwide fellowship. The purpose of WSO is to function as a clearinghouse; maintain communication with the BOT, national service offices, regions, groups, and members; print and distribute conference approved literature (CAL); maintain the archives and files of Nar-Anon; and carry the Nar-Anon message worldwide.

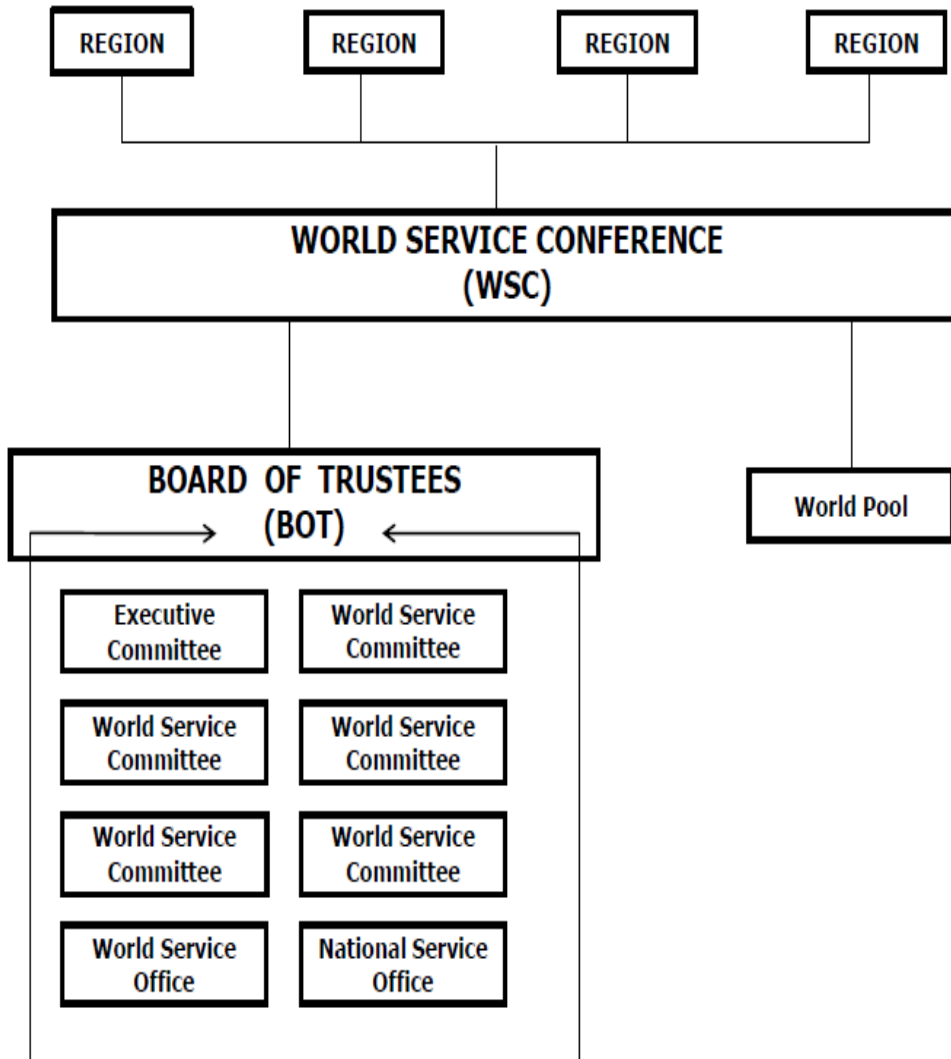
National Service Office (NSO)

National service offices are the administrative headquarters of Nar-Anon in countries outside of the United States. The purpose of an NSO is to provide centralized services to the fellowship within the country. It functions as a clearinghouse and maintains communication with its board of trustees, regions, groups, and members; translates, prints, and distributes CAL under contractual agreement with NFGH, Inc.; carries Nar-Anon's message around the country; and maintains contact with WSO.

National Service Conference (NSC)

A national service conference (NSC) is an event for the expression of the group conscience of the Nar-Anon Fellowship within a country.

Nar-Anon World Service System



WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE

The WSC meets for the expression of the group conscience of the Nar-Anon Fellowship guided by our Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service. The fellowship is represented at this biennial event, held in late April or early May, in Southern California. Regional delegates, alternate delegates, world service committee chairs, BOT, WSO staff, and any other interested Nar-Anon members come together at the WSC to advance the growth of our fellowship.

The conference is empowered to make recommendations, direct committees, and pass resolutions. The conference represents the Nar-Anon membership. However, it cannot mandate or govern the Nar-Anon Fellowship, which it serves.

The WSC allows the fellowship to act as a whole, encourages unity, and protects the continuity of Nar-Anon services.

The World Service Conference Event

Delegates and alternate delegates from all regions in the world are welcome to attend the WSC. Delegates and alternate delegates should be members who have been area service representatives (ASRs). If this is not feasible, regions may select from members who have completed a minimum of three years continuous service as group service representatives (GSRs) in Nar-Anon. For a delegate or an alternate delegate to be recognized at the WSC, their region must submit a copy of the minutes verifying election or continued endorsement of the delegate and alternate delegate or other written confirmation that they were previously elected and that their term will be in effect through the current WSC. A regional or national officer, not the delegate or alternate delegate, must submit the eligibility verification. Any member with voice at the conference or the WSC Facilitator may challenge a delegate or alternate delegate's credentials. In the absence of the documentation described above and with approval of the conference, the member may be recognized as a regional representative with voice, but no vote.

Regional chairs and/or national service offices should inform the WSC Committee of their intention to send delegates and/or alternate delegates by December 31 prior to the WSC. A region may send one delegate and one alternate delegate to the conference.

All expenses of the delegates and alternate delegates are paid by the regions and are due by December 31 prior to the WSC. Each region (within the United States and Canada) contributes the same amount to the cost of sending a delegate to the conference. A formula was developed to provide a fair equalization of traveling expenses to California. These totals will include travel, hotel, meals, shuttles, cost of supplies and materials. For international delegates and alternate delegates – a flat rate will be determined based on hotel, meals, shuttles, and supplies. This amount will not

include airfare. The WSC Committee will inform regions of the amount of equalized expenses during June of the year prior to the conference.

A developing region or lone group in a state or country, which does not have an established region, may send a representative to the conference by informing the WSC Committee of its intention to do so by December 31 prior to the WSC. To be recognized at the conference, written confirmation of the representative's selection must be submitted to the WSC Committee. Representatives will have a voice, but no vote. Developing regions or groups sending representatives are responsible for payment of the equalized expenses by December 31 prior to the WSC.

World service trustees, world service committee chairs and any other interested Nar-Anon members should inform the WSC Committee of their intention to attend the conference by December 31 prior to the WSC.

Telephone inquiries regarding the WSC should be made to the Nar-Anon World Service Executive Director at WSO (1-800-477-6291 from the USA and Canada, or 1-310-534-8188 from outside the USA and Canada). Email inquiries should be sent to the WSC Committee: wscconference@nar-anon.org or the executive director: wso@nar-anon.org.

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

Conference Agenda Report (CAR)

The *CAR* is distributed a minimum of 150 days prior to opening day of the conference. The report contains the Standing Rules of the Conference and motions to be considered by the Nar-Anon Fellowship at the WSC. In order to provide the fellowship with relevant information, the World Service Board of Trustees may include their comments on the *CAR* including any financial impact that could result if the motion is passed.

The *CAR* is emailed to each delegate and alternate delegate and posted on the Nar-Anon World Service website, www.nar-anon.org. All other documents for the WSC are provided by email. Hard copies will be available from WSO at a price determined by the cost of production and shipping.

Conference Approval Track (CAT)

The CAT contains materials defined as non-recovery literature, such as handbooks, outreach literature, project proposals, and other service related literature that have been sent to all regional delegates by the WSC Committee for review. The CAT does not require presentation to the fellowship in the *CAR* and may only receive conference approval provided the material was sent to the conference participants at least 90 days prior to the WSC.

Conference Agenda

The agenda is planned by the WSC Committee and distributed to WSC participants 30 days prior to the opening of the WSC. Typical agenda items might include the following:

- Introductory session to discuss conference procedures
- Old business - motions from the *CAR*
- Review proposed new literature for approval
- Regional reports
- World service committee reports
- World Service Office report
- Presentation of financial statements
- Committee presentations and workshops
- Elections (i.e., world pool, conference facilitator, trustees)
- New business – voting on Conference Approval Track and discussion of ideas raised at the conference

Conference Summary

A conference summary report is issued after each WSC and includes conference minutes. It is distributed to participants of the WSC and posted on the Nar-Anon World Service website.

SUBMITTING MOTIONS FOR PLACEMENT IN THE *CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT (CAR)*

Motions may originate from any of the following bodies in Nar-Anon:

- Group
- Area Service Committee (ASC)
- Regional Service Committee (RSC)
- National Service Committee
- World Service Committee
- National Board of Trustees (NBOT)
- World Service Board of Trustees (BOT)

Motions proposed for placement in the *CAR* originating from a group, ASC, or RSC must be further approved by the regional assembly before submission to the WSC Committee. For countries with a national service conference (NSC), all motions are further approved at their NSC before submission to the WSC Committee.

All motions submitted to the WSC Committee must have been approved as follows:

Submitting body:	Approving body:
Regional Service Committee	Regional Assembly
National Service Committee	National Service Conference
National Board of Trustees	National Service Conference
World Service Committee	2/3 of the committee's members
World Service Board of Trustees	2/3 of the board's members

Motions submitted to the WSC cannot be substantially the same as motions from the *CAR* that failed at either of the prior two conferences. Additionally, there is a moratorium on motions to alter recovery literature for two conference cycles after the literature has been adopted by the conference. A catalog of all motions submitted to or approved at the latest two conferences will be available on the World Service website.

Motions submitted for placement in the *CAR* that attempt to change, amend or delete Nar-Anon Family Groups' policies or guidelines shall include those sections in the motion. It is the responsibility of the maker of the motion to provide information with their motion.

Motions for placement in the *CAR* shall be submitted in final form to the WSC Committee, wscconference@nar-anon.org, no later than 200 days prior to the opening of the conference. All motions should be clear and concise and shall not include multiple objectives. Justification or rationale explaining the reason for the motion is limited to 150 words. Any motion presented to the Nar-Anon Fellowship for approval will be written in a manner that lends itself to a yes or no vote and is specific to the changes involved to affirm and support this process. Any Nar-Anon body may request assistance from the WSC Committee to compose motions for placement in the *CAR*. WSC motion forms may be found at www.nar-anon.org on the Member Services > World Service Conference page.

**RECOVERY UNITY SERVICE
2016-2018 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE CYCLE**

May 3, 2016	WSC 2016 – 2018 cycle begins
June 30, 2017	WSC Committee informs each region of equalized expense amounts
August 30, 2017	Deadline to submit Conference Agenda Report (<i>CAR</i>) motions in draft form
October 9, 2017	Deadline for <i>CAR</i> motions to be in final form
November 28, 2017	<i>CAR</i> available and distributed to regions
December 31, 2017	Deadline to inform WSC Committee of region’s intention to participate in WSC 2018 and submissions by each regional treasurer of equalized expense sum Deadline for BOT members and world service committee chairs to inform the WSC Committee of their intention to attend the conference
January 27, 2018	Conference Approval Track (<i>CAT</i>) material available and distributed to regions
February 26, 2018	Deadline for world service committee reports, regional reports, and regional assembly minutes showing election or continued endorsement of delegate and/or alternate delegate
March 28, 2018	Agenda for WSC 2018 distributed to all attendees
April 26, 2018	Pre-conference orientation - Torrance, California
April 27 - 30, 2018	World Service Conference 2018 - Torrance, California.

WSC 2018 LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS

April 27 –30, 2018
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Torrance – South Bay
21333 Hawthorne Boulevard
Torrance, CA 90503
United States

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CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER

The intent of using rules of order is to provide an orderly way to conduct business, to protect each member's rights, to protect the WSC's rights, and to protect the free exercise of debate. If we understand the principles and use the procedures appropriately, parliamentary procedure will enhance, not hinder, the accomplishment of the business of the WSC. The WSC Facilitator chairs the conference using the WSC Standing Rules of Order and *Robert's Rules of Order (Robert's)*.

At the opening of the WSC, all regional delegates, alternate delegates, and representatives will be polled to establish that those present have submitted proper minutes necessary to be recognized at the WSC.

To conduct business, the conference utilizes the following WSC Standing Rules of Order, adapted from *Robert's*, in conjunction with the following Floor Motion Criteria. The WSC Standing Rules of Order have been found to meet the general needs of the conference when they are not in conflict with other conference policies, the Twelve Traditions, or the Twelve Concepts of Nar-Anon Service.

In cases where the WSC Standing Rules of Order are not comprehensive enough, *Robert's* is used. In cases of a conflict or discrepancy between the two, WSC Standing Rules of Order will take precedence.

After adequate discussion and debate have occurred, the conference formalizes its consensus by taking a vote. The WSC's consensus is determined by a majority vote except for those decisions that require a 2/3 vote as defined in the WSC Standing Rules of Order. All activities of the WSC strive to achieve the spirit of consensus-based decision making.

WSC Standing Rules of Order

1. Each WSC delegate and trustee will have a voice and a vote. Alternate delegates and representatives will have a voice. An alternate delegate has a vote in the absence of their regional delegate. Representatives have no vote. World service committee chairs have voice limited to their committee report and questions regarding their committee's activities. The WSO Executive Director has a voice limited to his/her report and questions regarding WSO activities.
2. No member may speak on a motion more than once unless others desiring to speak on the motion have exercised their opportunity. A region's delegate and alternate delegate are considered to be the same member when speaking on a motion.
3. There is a time limit on debate by any member. No member may speak longer than three minutes on a motion each time they are recognized by the facilitator. However, the facilitator may exercise discretion to extend the time limit when, in the facilitator's opinion, such action is warranted. To otherwise extend debate, a motion from the floor to do so must be adopted.
4. There is a limit on the number of speakers on any motion. No more than three members may speak in favor of (pro) and no more than three members may speak in opposition to (con) any motion. Debate may be extended, when a motion from the floor to extend debate is made and adopted.
5. Every main motion from the floor must be presented in writing on a WSC motion form and contain the names and positions of members proposing and seconding the motion. A region's delegate and alternate delegate are considered to be the same member when making or seconding motions. Motions presented by the BOT do not require a second. Motions should be worded in the positive to provide clarity on the effect of the motion. A motion should be clear, concise, comprehensive, and have its intent visibly reflected, as members will be voting on the actual wording of the motion, not the maker's intent of its effects. Motions must be turned in to the motions table before the facilitator will recognize the maker. All motions are displayed in writing before debate or voting. After a motion is made and seconded, the facilitator restates the motion clearly to the conference. The motion is now pending and before the conference; it is only at this point that the motion belongs to the conference and must be disposed of in some manner.
6. Every amendment to a main motion must be presented in writing on a WSC motion form and contain the names and positions of members proposing and seconding the amendment. A region's delegate and alternate delegate are considered to be the same member when making or seconding amendments. Any

second merely indicates that another member wishes the matter to come before the conference; it does not necessarily mean that the member who seconds the motion is in favor of the motion. Amendments presented by the BOT do not require a second. Amendments must be turned in to the motions table before the facilitator will recognize the maker. All amendments are displayed in writing before debate or voting.

7. Debate follows if the motion is debatable. Debate will also follow the making of an amendment to the motion, if the motion is amendable. Debate addresses the motion or the amendment, not the member making it. Motives should never be questioned. Members should address each other through the presiding facilitator. The facilitator addresses members by name. Discussion (debate) is not between two members but through the facilitator.
8. When ready, the conference votes to adopt (carry) or reject (fail) the motion or amendment. This is also known as the facilitator putting the question. The member who is chairing the conference, conducting a vote, or officially counting a vote does not have a vote while serving in this capacity. Voting shall be by a voice vote while standing. All in favor of the item are asked by the facilitator to stand and remain standing for a count of the vote. Those in favor are then seated, and the process is repeated for those opposed and in abstention to the item in question.
9. A majority vote (simple majority) is a vote of more than one-half of the votes cast.
10. Every motion to make or amend policies and guidelines must be carried by 2/3 of the voting body as polled in each session.
11. Any motion submitted in the *CAR* for the current conference and approved at the conference becomes effective at the conclusion of the conference, unless otherwise specified in the motion.
12. These standing rules of the conference are applied in conjunction with *Robert's Rules of Order*.
13. Motions from the floor will be consistent with the principles of Nar-Anon found in the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts.

Floor Motion Criteria

The agenda for the WSC includes several sessions where the conference participants address different types of business.

The Old Business session addresses motions that were presented to the Nar-Anon Family Groups in the *CAR*. The fellowship has had an opportunity to consider and evaluate these motions. Regions have held assemblies to discuss the *CAR* so their regional delegates can come to the WSC with an awareness of the group conscience of their regions. During the Old Business session, any motions raised that were not contained in the *CAR* must fall into specific categories in order to be considered.

Acceptable motions from the floor during the Old Business session would include amendments to or withdrawals of motions in the current *CAR* and motions regarding the daily conference agenda, conference rules of order, or general operations of the current conference, such as motions to adjourn or motions to accept minutes of the prior day's business.

During the Old Business session, the WSC Facilitator will rule out of order any motions from the floor of the conference that substantially change the intent of a motion presented in the *CAR*; attempt to change the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, or Twelve Concepts of Service; or attempt to change Nar-Anon's name, nature, or purpose. Motions of this nature require review by the fellowship and will be dealt with under New Business.

The WSC cannot approve new recovery literature or changes to existing conference approved recovery literature unless the new literature or changes to existing literature have been presented to the fellowship with the *CAR*. Recovery literature is simply defined as conference approved literature that groups use in their meetings to work on recovery. This would include step and tradition books, daily readers, pamphlets on recovery topics, the Blue Booklet, and step workbooks. Changes to conference approved recovery literature require fellowship approval. Motions from the floor that attempt to change conference approved recovery literature will be dealt with under New Business.

The WSC also hears region reports and world service committee reports. Any motions that arise as a result of these reports will fall under New Business.

The New Business session of the WSC deals with budgets, projects planned for the next cycle, approval of service material presented within the CAT timeframe, and the evaluation of new ideas which have come about during the current conference, including changes to conference approved recovery literature as mentioned above. After discussion of ideas which have come about during the current conference, the WSC decides whether these ideas or proposals will be included in the *CAR* for the next conference cycle or whether no action will be taken.

WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE ELECTION PROCEDURES

Nar-Anon members who meet the criteria to serve on the World Service Board of Trustees may submit a candidate application to the World Service World Pool Committee (World Pool Committee) at worldpool@nar-anon.org. An interactive form is available by contacting the World Pool Committee, or a pdf form is available on the Nar-Anon World Service website. Applications may be submitted to the World Pool Committee any time, but to be considered for a vote at conference they must be submitted by October 31 in the year prior to the WSC.

Nominations to the World Service Board of Trustees and World Service Conference Facilitator

After review of the candidate application forms, the World Pool Committee will conduct interviews with the applicants and contact their references. At the WSC, the World Pool Committee will provide voting members with a packet that contains information about those candidates best qualified to serve. World Pool Committee members will be available throughout the WSC to answer questions from the participants regarding the nominations process, without violating the confidentiality of the candidates or their references.

Election of Nominees to the World Pool

The election of nominees to the World Pool will be conducted at the WSC by secret ballot, in a closed session for conference participants only. Each voting member of the WSC will receive a ballot with a list of all candidates. As there is no limit to the number of candidates who can be in the World Pool, each should be considered on his/her own merit. After the voting members have marked their ballots, the ballots and the candidate information packets will be collected by a roll call. All candidates who receive a simple majority vote will be entered into the World Pool. All approved nominees are eligible to remain in the World Pool for three years.

Election of Trustees from the World Pool

Voting members of the WSC elect one-third of the trustees. The BOT elects two-thirds of the trustees from the World Pool as provided in our bylaws. The election of trustees at the WSC will be conducted by secret ballot in a closed session for conference participants only.

Voting members will receive a packet that contains information on all nominees in the World Pool. Votes may be cast for as many nominees as there are positions available. The first ballot will contain all available nominees in the World Pool and the number of positions to be voted on. Each voting member of the WSC may then vote for that number of nominees. After the voting members have marked their ballots, the ballots and the nominee information packets will be collected by a roll call. Results will be immediately and confidentially tallied. Those nominees receiving the most votes will fill

the available trustee positions. In the event of a tie vote, a second ballot will be issued. This process will be repeated until all positions are filled.

After all votes have been tallied, ballots and information packets will be destroyed to protect the confidential information of all nominees.

Election of World Service Conference Facilitator

The election of the WSC Facilitator will be conducted at the WSC by secret ballot, in a closed session for the conference participants only. Each voting member of the WSC will receive a ballot with a list of all candidates for whom they have one vote. The candidate with votes above 50% will be elected as the WSC Facilitator for the following conference. In the event no candidate has votes above 50%, the two candidates with the most votes will be voted on in a second ballot.

Challenging a Nomination

If a candidate's integrity is questioned and there could be an impact on the candidate's ability to effectively serve if elected, a voting member of the WSC, as petitioner, may challenge the nomination. The purpose of this policy is to protect the integrity of the election process by addressing issues related to a candidate's ability to serve.

The procedure to challenge a nomination is as follows:

1. The petitioner completes a Challenge to Nomination form and submits it to the WSC Facilitator before the deadline listed in the candidate information packet.
2. If there is insufficient time to resolve the conflict prior to the scheduled election, the WSC Facilitator may ask the conference to postpone the election until after the matter has been resolved.
3. The WSC Facilitator will form a mediation panel comprised of three members. One member will be assigned from the World Pool Committee, one member will be assigned from the BOT, and the WSC Facilitator will assign a delegate or alternate delegate. This panel will review the Challenge to Nomination form and meet with the petitioner to determine if further action is appropriate.
4. In keeping with Concept Ten, the panel will then contact the candidate to advise him/her of the stated challenge and request a response from the candidate to determine a further course of action.
5. If it is agreed that misrepresentation may have occurred and further action is necessary, then, for the purpose of resolution, panel members will arrange a meeting between the candidate and petitioner by phone or in person. The panel may select a panel member to facilitate. The panel may ask other members whose experience may help resolve the issue.

6. The panel may ask the petitioner to withdraw the challenge or request the candidate to withdraw. If there is no agreement on action, the panel will present the issue to the conference for resolution.

World Service Conference Facilitator

The conference facilitator, who is elected by the WSC, presides over the business meeting of the conference. Qualified candidates will have been active in Nar-Anon service for a minimum of four years and will have served as an area/regional officer, delegate, or alternate delegate. It is also preferable that they have attended at least one WSC. Once elected, the conference facilitator may not serve on any world service committee.

The following qualifications for nomination and election are written to express the variety of skills and experience necessary for a conference facilitator. These qualifications should not be viewed as a list of absolute requirements, but rather as an expression of the qualities and experience that will be helpful in presiding over the WSC:

- A demonstrated ability to preside over business meetings
- A working knowledge of WSC Standing Rules of Order
- A working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and parliamentary procedures
- A working knowledge of Nar-Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Service
- Familiarity with the Nar-Anon service structure
- Familiarity with the Guide to Local Services and Guide to World Services
- Strong organizational skills

The conference facilitator will have the following responsibilities:

1. Preside over the business meeting of the WSC.
2. Be able to attend the WSC over a five day period. Travel days may add an additional day or two.
3. Attend meetings of the Board of Trustees or WSC Committee, as needed.

The conference facilitator is elected to serve a one conference cycle term and may serve one additional consecutive term if re-elected. Upon completion of service for two consecutive conferences, a break in service equal to no less than one conference cycle must take place.

Changes to Nar-Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, or Nar-Anon's name, nature, purpose, or logo

Any proposal or action to change Nar-Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, or Nar-Anon's name, nature, purpose, or logo is submitted by motion for placement in the *CAR*. If approved by the WSC, the proposal or action must then be approved directly by the groups through a group tally process according to the following guidelines:

- A registration period is established, allowing enough time for non-English speaking groups to have any proposals or actions translated, to register for the tally with WSO. During this registration period, all groups who choose to participate may do so.
- At the close of the registration period, WSO will announce the total number of registrations to all WSC participants.
- At the WSC, the BOT will provide the conference with a motion to consider the validity of the database based on a comparison between the group tally database (those groups who have registered for the tally) and the group service database (all groups who are registered with WSO).
- Numbered ballots requesting a yes, no, or abstention response, together with self-addressed return envelopes, will be mailed to each group who registered for the tally. Groups will be provided sufficient time to return their ballots.
- In order for the tally to be valid, 75% of the groups who registered in the time period allowed for the tally must participate by responding.
- For each decision to pass, 75% of the groups who respond must vote in the affirmative.
- Ballot results will be reported to the fellowship.
- If the group tally affirms the decision(s), a motion will be placed in the next *CAR* for affirmation at the WSC.

NAR-ANON RECOVERY LITERATURE AND SERVICE MATERIALS

Conference Approved Literature (CAL)

Nar-Anon conference approved literature grows out of our need for literature and material for our personal recovery and service work. The process for conference approval provides the fellowship ample time to review and approve our literature as expressed in the approval processes listed below. This ensures all conference approved material is an expression of Nar-Anon's principles.

The final process for approving recovery, service, and outreach literature or materials by the fellowship takes place at the WSC. Once an item is approved, it will bear the stamp "Conference Approved Literature".

Recovery Literature

Literature used in group meetings and for personal use is called recovery literature. This may include books, pamphlets, leaflets, any form of multimedia, cards, films, and posters.

Requests for or submissions of recovery literature, come from the fellowship (members, groups, areas, regions, NSOs, world service committees, and the board of trustees). It is preferred literature be submitted in English. These requests and submissions must be sent to the World Service Literature Committee, who in turn will compile/summarize them biennially for presentation to the WSC for consideration and prioritization. After the WSC determines the priorities, the request or submission then goes to the World Service Literature Committee to be written, reviewed, expanded, and/or edited before going through the approval process for recovery literature (see below).

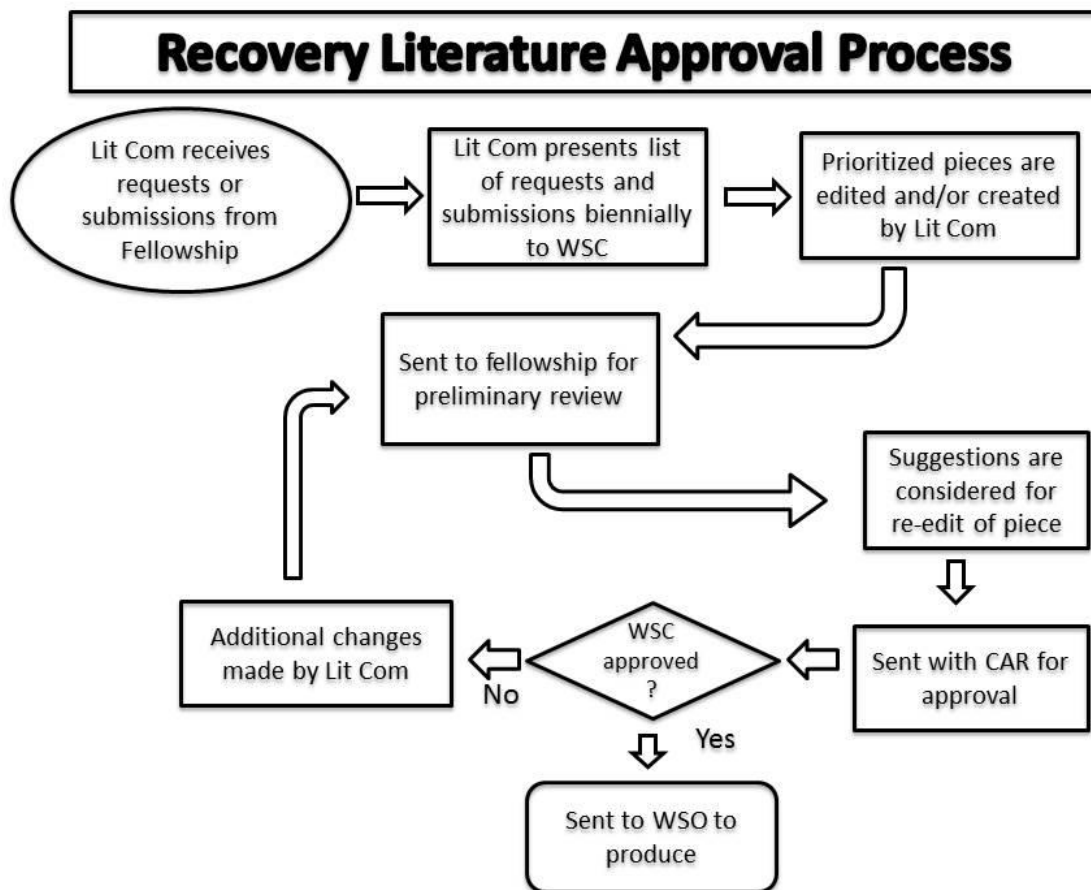
Nar-Anon and Narateen members are encouraged to write recovery literature. A *Nar-Anon Copyright Release Form* giving permission to NFGH, Inc. to edit and use these writings in any book or publication that may be produced must accompany each submission. A sample release form appears at the end of this guide. All material submitted with a signed release becomes the intellectual property of NFGH, Inc.

Material submitted by the fellowship is reviewed and edited by the World Service Literature Committee to ensure it follows Nar-Anon's traditions and principles. In keeping with the spirit of our program, the name of any individual member does not appear in the title of Nar-Anon or Narateen material, nor is authorship acknowledged. All published material is the sole property of NFGH, Inc.

Approval Process for Recovery Literature

After recovery literature has been reviewed and edited, it is forwarded to the BOT for approval before it is sent to the fellowship for a preliminary review. This allows the fellowship time to review the literature and forward suggestions to the World Service

Literature Committee for further editing. The World Service Literature Committee will make necessary revisions and submit recovery literature to the fellowship not less than 150 days prior to the WSC with the *CAR* for approval at the WSC. Once approved, literature will be sent to WSO for publishing. Should a piece of literature not be approved by the WSC, and the World Service Literature Committee has been directed to make changes, it will be revised and sent to the fellowship for another review. The recovery literature approval process will be repeated. Any recovery literature released for preliminary review should not be displayed or used in Nar-Anon meetings. Recovery literature sent with the *CAR* for conference approval shall not be used in Nar-Anon meetings, although it may be displayed and distributed to members at Nar-Anon meetings.



Service Literature

Service literature includes both *The Nar-Anon Family Groups' Guide to Local Services* and *The Nar-Anon Family Groups' Guide to World Services*, plus any other handbooks, pamphlets, or service manuals pertaining to policies and/or guidelines used as resources for group and service work in Nar-Anon.

Outreach Literature and Materials

Outreach literature and materials can include letters, pamphlets, flyers, posters, videos, digital slide show presentations, and television ads that are informational in nature and are used to raise public awareness about the Nar-Anon program. These items can be distributed to treatment facilities, hospitals, community health fairs, schools, doctors' offices, etc.

Development and Approval Process for New Service and Outreach Literature/Materials

Suggestions for service and outreach literature/materials can come from members, groups, areas, regions, world service committees, or the BOT and should be sent directly to the BOT at BOT@nar-anon.org and the appropriate World Service committee as listed in the back of the GWS. Suggestions should be in alignment with our principles. Each idea is reviewed to ensure a similar piece is not already available or in development. If the BOT evaluation determines a piece is needed, it will be assigned to a world service committee or an ad hoc committee for development.

The developing committee will create the suggested material and send it to the World Service Policy and Guidelines Committee for review. The World Service Policy and Guidelines Committee will forward it with comments to the BOT. The BOT will provide suggestions and return it to the developing committee for revisions. This process will repeat until the BOT agrees by 2/3 vote it is ready for fellowship review. The piece then goes to the World Service Literature Committee for grammar and formatting edits. Edits that change the intent in any way must be sent back to the BOT for approval. When the review has been completed by the World Service Literature Committee, the literature/material will go to the BOT for the final review.

After BOT's final review, the literature/material will be stamped "Approved for Fellowship Review" and sent to WSO for publishing. Each piece is then given a minimum of twelve months for review by the fellowship. During this time, the fellowship can use the piece, and the BOT will accept suggestions and comments from the fellowship and make changes as they and the developing committee deem appropriate. If necessary, BOT approved literature/material can be easily changed or pulled from inventory if there are concerns from the fellowship. When the literature/material has met the minimum review requirements, the BOT or the appropriate world service committee takes responsibility for submitting the final draft as CAT (Conference Approval Track) literature/material. At the WSC, the piece is then voted on for conference approval.

Production Process for Conference Approved Literature and Materials

All literature and materials recommended and approved by the WSC are forwarded to the World Service Literature Committee for any processing. The approved literature and materials are sent back to the Committee to which the motion applies and reviewed for consistency. Within 30 days of committee review, the documents are returned to the World Service Literature Committee for final formatting before being sent to WSO for production. The literature and materials are then sent to WSO for production. WSO will forward the approved literature and materials to the countries outside of the United States with a duly executed contract to translate, print, and distribute CAL.

Translations of Nar-Anon Literature

Countries outside of the United States may translate literature and materials that have been approved at a WSC, provided they hold a duly executed contract with NFGH, Inc. to translate, print, and distribute CAL. The contract must be binding and clearly state the percentage of payment due NFGH, Inc. from their literature and materials sales.

Translations of Nar-Anon literature should conform to the spirit and meaning of the original English versions. All translations must first be approved by their national service conference and then approved by their board of trustees prior to actual production. In countries without an NSO, their regional assemblies should approve translated literature. All translated literature must include a statement that reads, "This is a translation of Nar-Anon conference approved literature." This indicates the translation itself has not been approved by the WSC, but that it is a translation of Nar-Anon conference approved literature. It should also contain the original English title and all literary identification information, including listing NFGH, Inc.'s name, address, telephone numbers, email, and website information.

Copyright and Trademark Information

Nar-Anon conference approved literature (CAL), which includes recovery, service, and outreach literature and materials, is copyrighted and owned by NFGH, Inc. It is expressly prohibited to reproduce, retransmit, or republish copyrighted literature and materials without written permission. Permission will not be granted for substantial reprints of CAL, with the exception of those countries outside the United States holding a duly executed contract with NFGH, Inc.

There are certain exceptions for reproducing or reprinting literature. Outreach literature labeled "This may be photocopied," may be reproduced by local outreach committees for use in their areas and regions. Area or regional committees may use quotes or reprint portions of Nar-Anon CAL that do not exceed 25% of the original piece or do not exceed 25% of a single chapter or section, if taken from a booklet or book. The Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, Mission and Vision Statements from the Nar-Anon Blue Booklet or world service website may be used in their entirety.

These excerpts shall always include proper notation or credit identifying the origin of the quote or reprinted portion. This does not create any legal right or claim to Nar-Anon's CAL.

The Nar-Anon name and logo are trademarks of NFGH, Inc. Placing the symbol ® or capital letters "TM" to the right of all Nar-Anon trademarks shows that the Nar-Anon name and logos are legally owned or registered trademarks. This helps protect the fellowship's legal right to ownership of its trademarks. Nar-Anon's trademarks must not be used in any way that would serve to endorse, finance, promote, or affiliate the Nar-Anon Fellowship with any outside enterprise. These trademarks must not be used in any manner that could draw us into a public controversy.

Groups, service boards, and committees may use Nar-Anon's name and logos as long as they follow the guidelines stated above.

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Whenever a violation of a copyright or trademark comes to the attention of the World Service Board of Trustees, it is the responsibility of the BOT, through its duly appointed representative, to notify the violator. This is necessary in order to avoid invalidation of the copyright and trademark.

WORLD SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mission Statement

The World Service Board of Trustees is dedicated to the growth and financial stability of Nar-Anon Family Groups. In cooperation with the world service committees and World Service Office, we will support the worldwide fellowship by developing services necessary to carry the message of Nar-Anon.

World Service Board of Trustees Guidelines

Nar-Anon's World Service Board of Trustees is responsible for NFGH, Inc., a California non-profit public benefit corporation. In accordance with Nar-Anon's Twelve Concepts of Service, the BOT acts as guardian of the Nar-Anon Traditions, provides support for the administration of Nar-Anon world services, and has legal authority responsible for managing Nar-Anon affairs worldwide.

These guidelines define the roles and responsibilities of the BOT and the qualifications of its members. These guidelines were created to serve as a reference for BOT members and other WSC members. They will also be utilized during the selection of new trustees. Many guidelines of the BOT are directed by the *Bylaws of NFGH, Inc.* and a synopsis of those directives is included here.

Synopsis of Bylaws Regarding Board of Trustees

The BOT is composed of a minimum of seven and a maximum of fifteen trustees. Two-thirds of the authorized trustee positions shall be filled by majority votes of the BOT. The remaining one-third of the authorized trustee positions shall be reserved for election by the WSC. Qualifications for a trustee are present membership in the Nar-Anon Fellowship and active participation in Nar-Anon service for a minimum of six years.

The BOT is responsible for selecting and removing all officers, agents, and employees of the corporation. Officers of the corporation shall be a chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer. The BOT may also designate other positions of officers, as they deem appropriate. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, except that neither the secretary nor the treasurer may serve as the chair.

The term of each trustee shall be for six years until the next annual meeting for election of the BOT, as specified in the *Bylaws of NFGH, Inc.*, and until his/her successor is elected. Each trustee may serve no more than two consecutive six-year terms without a break in service on the BOT.

Trustees shall serve without compensation. They should be allowed reasonable advancement or reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their regular duties. Trustees may not be compensated for rendering any services to the

corporation in any capacity other than trustee, unless such other compensation is reasonable and is allowed as specified in the *Bylaws of NFGH, Inc.*

Trustees shall be available for six meetings held quarterly via conference call beginning in January of each year. The April meeting is designated as the annual/election meeting. During the years of the WSC, the annual meeting shall be held on the last day of the WSC. Special meetings may be called for any purpose at any time by the BOT chair, vice chair, secretary, or any two trustees.

This synopsis of the *Bylaws of NFGH, Inc.* only pertains to the BOT. A copy of the complete *Bylaws of NFGH, Inc.* may be obtained from World Service Office upon request. It is also provided to each participant of the WSC.

Qualifications of a Trustee

In addition to the qualifications outlined in the bylaws, other desirable qualifications to be considered are as follows:

- Nar-Anon service history as either an area/regional officer, delegate, or alternate delegate
- Clear understanding of Nar-Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Service
- Familiarity with Nar-Anon's service structure
- Familiarity with Nar-Anon's bylaws, policies, and guidelines
- History of both completing work independently and working well within a group
- Organizational and communication skills
- Management or financial knowledge
- Ability to prepare and present motions (proposals), plans, and management policies and procedures for Nar-Anon's growth
- Willingness to initiate and facilitate new projects
- Ability to spend sufficient time attending meetings and serving on a world service committee
- Ability to accept criticism and flexibility to acknowledge other ideas

Roles and Responsibilities

- Act as guardians of Nar-Anon's Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service, policies, and guidelines
- Comply with Nar-Anon's bylaws, policies, and guidelines
- Implement decisions of the WSC according to the minutes of the conference
- Attend six BOT and four World Service Policy & Guidelines Committee meetings per year and any other special meetings that may be called
- Be an active member of at least one world service committee and attend its scheduled committee meetings
- Oversee the activities of all world service committees

- Elect the Executive Committee and establish subcommittees as deemed necessary
- Be familiar with the activities of WSO and delegate to the Executive Committee the authority to manage its routine operations
- Prudently manage the financial assets of NFGH, Inc.
- Authorize hiring of specialized services
- Elect two-thirds of the trustees from the World Pool to fill any vacancies as per the bylaws
- Oversee the Executive Committee
- Remove or request the resignation of any BOT member who fails to fulfill their duties as trustee, and/or fails to participate in two consecutive meetings without previous notification, or when the notification is deemed inadequate within a twelve-month period, or three meetings in total during such twelve-month period

Trustees are members of the WSC. They also serve on world service committees and may chair these committees. Trustees cannot hold office within an area or region, but may serve within an area or region. They may also serve within a group, but not as GSR or alternate GSR. Once elected, the interests of the trustees shall be focused on Nar-Anon as a whole.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of the chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer of the BOT, and the WSO Executive Director. In addition, the board may, by a majority vote, designate other members of the board to serve on this committee.

The purpose of the Executive Committee is to oversee the day-to-day business and affairs of the corporation. The Executive Committee makes recommendations to the BOT regarding major expenditures, proposals of new staff, and compensation for employees of WSO. The BOT must approve these recommendations before any action is taken. The committee meets between BOT meetings to discuss affairs directly related to the smooth operations of WSO. Minutes of these meetings are timely submitted to the BOT, which oversees this committee.

WORLD SERVICE OFFICE (WSO)

The World Service Office, located in California, is the headquarters of the Nar-Anon Worldwide Fellowship. Better known to members as WSO, it is the busiest part of our service structure as it is our main contact and distribution center. An executive director assisted by an office manager, other staff, and volunteers manages the WSO.

WSO's primary function is to unify members and groups into a worldwide fellowship. It maintains telephone and email contact with groups, areas, and regions and through the World Service website and newsletter. WSO offers assistance to members by putting them in contact with other members or groups in our fellowship. It offers support to new and existing groups, guides countries throughout the world in developing service structures, and may help establish national service offices (NSOs).

WSO maintains a database of registered groups, regions, and NSOs, including names, addresses, and telephone numbers of GSRs and group officers, RSC officers, regional delegates, and NSO executive directors. WSO also maintains records of all its activities and Nar-Anon's historical archives.

Another function of WSO is public relations. WSO receives requests from hospitals, institutions, and government agencies for information about Nar-Anon. Each inquiry is answered in the spirit of cooperation, not affiliation, based on our traditions.

WSO serves as the clearinghouse for our fellowship by printing, publishing, and distributing Nar-Anon conference-approved literature (CAL). WSO is the sole publishing agent for the fellowship. The financial support of WSO comes primarily from the sale of CAL and donations from our members, groups, areas, regions, and NSOs. This is in accordance with our seventh tradition.

The World Service Board of Trustees oversees the activities of WSO. WSO reports its activities quarterly to the BOT and biennially to the WSC. However, it cannot mandate or govern the Nar-Anon Fellowship, which it serves.

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE (NSO)

A national service office (NSO) is the Nar-Anon national administrative headquarters of a country, excluding the USA and Canada, preferably located in a central area within the country it serves. An NSO is established when the fellowship in any country has multiple organized regions and has resources to do so. It is established under the laws and regulations of the country. The NSO is composed of employees and volunteer Nar-Anon members. Although an NSO's functions are similar to WSO's, it is not an international branch of WSO.

The primary function of the NSO is to unify its members and groups into a national fellowship, which is part of our worldwide fellowship. It maintains communication with its members, groups, areas, and regions by telephone and email and through their website and newsletter. The NSO gives support and guidance to new and existing groups, areas, and regions.

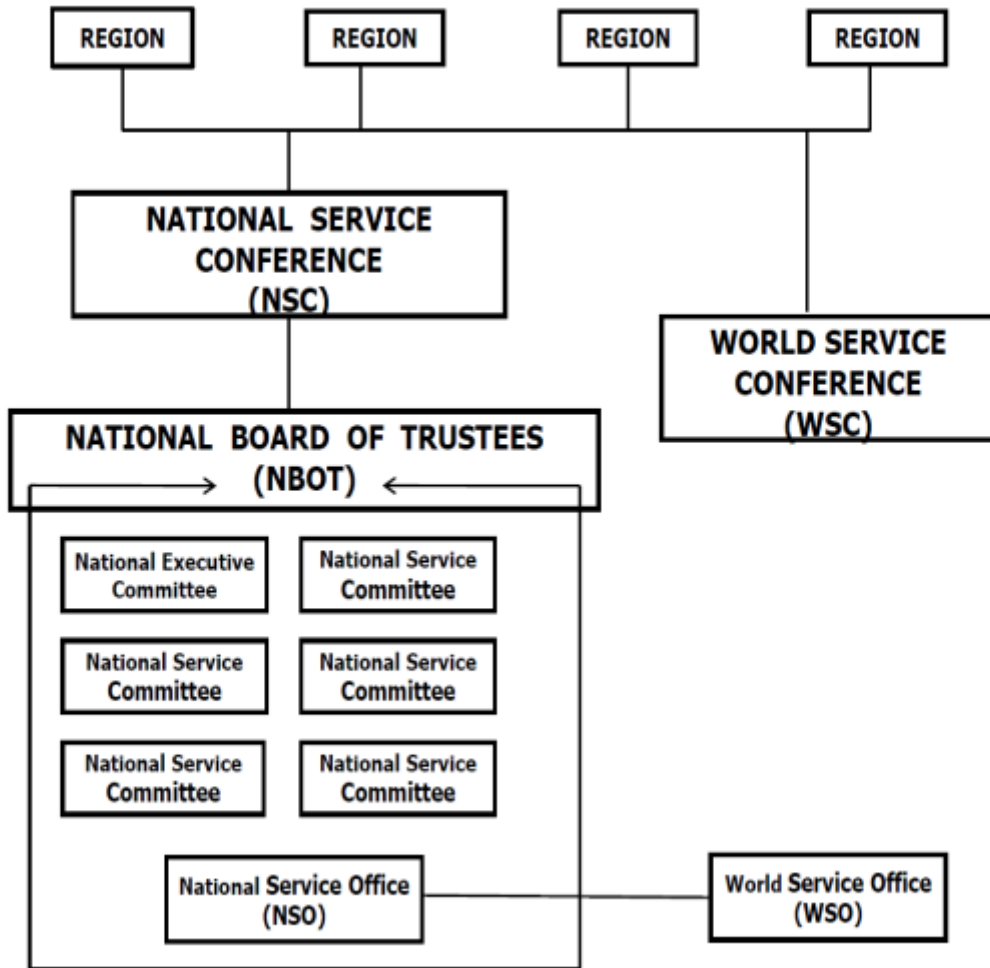
The NSO maintains a database of its registered groups, areas, and regions, including names, addresses, and telephone numbers of GSRs and group officers, ASC officers, RSC officers, and regional delegates. Records of all activities and the archives of the country's Nar-Anon history are kept by the NSO.

An important function of the NSO is to serve as a clearinghouse for Nar-Anon CAL by translating, printing, and distributing CAL to its members with permission and under contractual agreement with NFGH, Inc. Any proposed or newly developed literature approved by a national service conference will follow the procedures outlined in the literature approval process to become conference approved literature (CAL) at a WSC.

Another function of an NSO is public relations and outreach. It does this by providing information to hospitals, institutions, and government agencies based on our traditions and in the spirit of cooperation not affiliation.

All NSO activities are overseen by the national board of trustees (NBOT). The NSO reports its activities quarterly to the NBOT and annually to the national service conference. To keep abreast of worldwide fellowship affairs, two-way communication is maintained with WSO.

National Service System



WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEES

The world service committees are directly responsible to the BOT as noted in Concept Five, which in turn are directly accountable to the WSC.

In accordance with Concept Four, effective leadership qualities such as humility, integrity, trustworthiness, and a strong commitment to open communication are essential to becoming a member of a world service committee.

Desired Qualifications

- Attend Nar-Anon or Narateen group meetings regularly
- Have completed three years of service in Nar-Anon
- A working knowledge of Nar-Anon's Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service
- Have the ability to work independently and as a team member, make proposals/suggestions, be flexible in the decision making process, and complete assignments within deadlines
- Be available to attend scheduled committee meetings using the technology pre-determined for such meetings (e.g., conference calls, internet calls, committee web forums, email)

General Duties

- Hold regularly scheduled committee meetings
- Accountability for assignments given to the committee
- Keep records of the committee's actions and make them accessible to the fellowship, preferably through the Nar-Anon World Service website
- Communicate the activities of the committee to the fellowship through the Nar-Anon World Service website and articles to the Nar-Anon newsletter
- Submit quarterly committee reports to the BOT and biennially to the WSC

The working language of the world service committees and the WSC is English.

World Service Budget and Finance Committee

Duties and responsibilities: The responsibility of the World Service Budget and Finance Committee is to maintain a continuing review of the financial affairs of NFGH, Inc. Using this information, it is the committee's duty to make appropriate recommendations to WSO, the Executive Committee, and/or the BOT regarding financial matters. The committee will review income, production costs, and expenses to prepare a budget for the upcoming year; review the financial information periodically as checks and balances, and annually against the budget; and review income, production costs, and expenses periodically to make recommendations or suggestions to WSO or the BOT of any cost savings or adjustments that would benefit the financial position of the corporation.

Qualifications for membership: In addition to the general requirements for serving on a world service committee, members should have an understanding of Concept Eleven: Nar-Anon funds are used to further our primary purpose to carry the message, and must be managed responsibly. Members should have knowledge and understanding of, or an interest in financial matters.

Events – World Service Conference Committee

Duties and responsibilities: The WSC Committee coordinates all aspects of the WSC. The committee prepares and distributes the conference invitation, receives and reviews motions for the *CAR*, and confirms that all motions meet the criteria for placement in the *CAR* before distribution. The committee is also responsible for verifying eligibility of voting members of the conference. A report of decisions made at the WSC is sent to the fellowship following the conclusion of the conference. Communication with the World Service Board of Trustees, world service committee chairs, national service offices, regional service committees, regional delegates, and members of the fellowship is a vital function of this committee.

Qualifications for membership: In addition to the general requirements for serving on a world service committee, members must have attended at least one WSC and have a working knowledge of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Events – World Service Convention Committee

Duties and responsibilities: The World Service Convention Committee plans and hosts a Nar-Anon world convention in cooperation with the NA world convention. In preparing for a convention, the committee works closely with the host city's area or regional service committee, where one exists. It also works with WSO, which is the liaison between the NA and Nar-Anon World Service Convention Committees. The committee recruits volunteers and speakers, plans the program schedule, hospitality, entertainment, marathon meetings, and registration. For the convention flyers and merchandise, the World Service Convention Committee designs a logo based on the theme voted on by the WSC.

Qualifications for membership: In addition to the general requirements for serving on a world service committee, members will have previously served on an event planning committee.

World Service Literature Committee

Duties and responsibilities: The purpose of the World Service Literature Committee is to compile, review, and edit literature to be presented to the fellowship for approval. This includes recovery, service, and outreach literature, or other literature developed at the suggestion of the fellowship. The committee is responsible for ensuring that all literature conveys the Nar-Anon message in accordance with the steps, traditions, concepts, policies, and guidelines; is correctly presented with regard to grammar, spelling, and format; and does not contain plagiarism in any form.

Qualifications for membership: In addition to the general requirements for serving on a world service committee, members should be 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.

World Service Narateen Committee

Duties and responsibilities: The purpose of the World Service Narateen Committee is to advance the growth of Narateen. This is done by encouraging area and region support of Narateen through joint and individual events and activities (e.g., conventions, unity days, fundraisers, and Narateen weekends). The committee will be available to review proposed region guidelines for compliance with World Service Narateen Safety Guidelines. The committee will inform the worldwide fellowship about Narateen through websites, mailings, and presentations. The committee will also encourage Narateen members to submit writings for Narateen literature.

Qualifications for membership: Members should meet the general requirements for serving on a world service committee. Narateen members with two years of regular attendance in Narateen are also welcome to apply.

World Service Newsletter Committee

Duties and responsibilities: The World Service Newsletter Committee produces a quarterly newsletter for the Nar-Anon Fellowship. The committee ensures the newsletter expresses the Nar-Anon message of recovery; reports the business of the fellowship; and includes upcoming world, region, or area events such as conventions, workshops, or recovery days. The committee is responsible for publishing the newsletter in a timely manner.

Qualifications for membership: In addition to the general requirements for serving on a world service committee, members should have experience reviewing written material with regard to spelling, grammar, punctuation, and content and have access to a computer and the internet. Committee members are required to attend quarterly meetings. Members should be willing to assist the committee in accumulating articles and information from the worldwide fellowship.

World Service Outreach Committee

Duties and responsibilities: The purpose of the World Service Outreach Committee is to carry the Nar-Anon message of hope throughout the world. This is done by developing and compiling outreach literature and material used to raise public awareness about the Nar-Anon program. The committee will serve as a resource for groups, areas, and regions.

Qualifications for membership: In addition to the general requirements for serving on a world service committee, members should have a thorough understanding of Tradition Eleven, "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion."

World Service Policy and Guidelines Committee

Duties and responsibilities: The purpose of the World Service Policy and Guidelines Committee is to research, develop, and review all policies and guidelines proposed for fellowship approval at the WSC. The committee will update existing policies and guidelines as directed by the WSC.

The committee is also a resource for the fellowship to clarify the policy and guidelines found in our service documents.

Qualifications for membership: In addition to the general requirements for serving on a world service committee, members should have at least six years of continuous service in Nar-Anon.

World Service Website Committee

Duties and responsibilities: The World Service Website Committee is responsible for maintaining the fellowship's website, www.nar-anon.org, ensuring its content is in keeping with Nar-Anon's Twelve Traditions and includes up-to-date information of interest to all Nar-Anon members, our trusted servants, professionals, and the general public. It works in conjunction with regional service committees, world service committees, and the BOT to better understand their website needs. The committee keeps abreast of innovations in information technology and is a resource, recommending suitable software and hardware upgrades as the need arises.

Qualifications for membership: In addition to the general requirements for serving on a world service committee, members should have an adequate working knowledge of the internet and its usage.

World Service World Pool Committee

Duties and responsibilities: The purpose of the World Service World Pool Committee is to screen candidates applying to become members of the World Service Board of Trustees and for the position of Conference Facilitator.

Duties of the committee are to develop, maintain, and implement a nominations process to identify the most qualified candidates for service. The committee notifies the Nar-Anon Fellowship of open positions and the qualifications to serve in these positions; screens applications for those most qualified for election to the BOT and the Conference Facilitator; interviews potential candidates; checks references; and forwards a list of the most qualified applicants to the WSC for election.

Qualifications for membership: In addition to the general requirements for serving on a world service committee, members should have five years of continuous service in Nar-Anon, including world service experience. Members of this committee must also agree to protect confidential information obtained in the application process.

World service committee email addresses are listed at the end of this guide.

THE TWELVE STEPS OF NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUPS

1. We admitted we were powerless over the addict – that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we *understood* Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

THE TWELVE TRADITIONS OF NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUPS

Our group experience suggests that the unity of the Nar-Anon Family Groups depends upon our adherence to these traditions.

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends on unity.
2. For our group purposes there is but one authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants – they do not govern.
3. The relatives of addicts, when gathered for mutual aid, may call themselves a Nar-Anon Family Group, provided that as a group, they have no other affiliation. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of addiction in a relative or friend.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other Nar-Anon Family Groups, or N.A. as a whole.
5. Each Nar-Anon Family Group has but one purpose; to help families of addicts. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps of Nar-Anon, by encouraging and understanding our addicted relatives, and by welcoming and giving comfort to families of addicts.
6. Our Family Groups ought never to endorse, finance or lend our name to any outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary spiritual aim; but although a separate entity, we should always cooperate with Narcotics Anonymous.
7. Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Nar-Anon Twelfth Step work should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. Our groups, as such, ought never to be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. The Nar-Anon Family Groups have no opinion on outside issues; hence our name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, internet, and other forms of mass media. We need guard with special care the anonymity of all N.A. members.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities.

THE TWELVE CONCEPTS OF NAR-ANON SERVICE

Just as freedom for the individual comes from the Twelve Steps and freedom for the group springs from the Twelve Traditions, so freedom for the service structure flourishes from the Twelve Concepts.

1. To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the Nar-Anon Family Groups have joined together to create a structure that develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of Nar-Anon as a whole.
2. The final responsibility and authority for Nar-Anon services rests with the Nar-Anon Family Groups.
3. The Nar-Anon Family Groups delegate to the service structure the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it.
4. Effective leadership is highly valued in Nar-Anon. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants.
5. For each responsibility assigned to the service structure, a single point of decision and accountability should be clearly defined.
6. Group conscience is the spiritual means by which we invite a loving Higher Power to influence our decisions.
7. All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.
8. Regular, two-way communications are essential to the fulfillment of all these concepts and the integrity and effectiveness of our services themselves.
9. All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes.
10. Any member of a service body can petition that body for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal.
11. Nar-Anon funds are used to further our primary purpose to carry the message, and must be managed responsibly.
12. In keeping with the spiritual nature of Nar-Anon, our structure should always be one of service, never of governance.



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ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS

ASC	Area Service Committee
ASR	Area Service Representative
BOT	World Service Board of Trustees
CAL	Conference Approved Literature
<i>CAR</i>	<i>Conference Agenda Report</i>
CAT	Conference Approval Track
GSR	Group Service Representative
NBOT	National Board of Trustees
NFG	Nar-Anon Family Groups
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NSC	National Service Conference
NSO	National Service Office
NTASC	Narateen Area Safety Coordinator
NTPP	Narateen Process Person
NTSC	Narateen State Coordinator
RSC	Regional Service Committee
WSC	World Service Conference
WSO	World Service Office