

Fellowship Service Conference

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June 30th – July 2nd 2017

Chair Chubs

Co-Chair Raymond

Secretary Nolie

Alternate Secretary Scott

Friday June 30th opening 8:30pm

Open with a moment of silence followed by serenity prayer

Introductions

Announcements?

GSR Reports

Ronnie, Grey roots group, Georgia, for the most part they are being left alone. 6:30 meeting, consistently have 6-10 members a week. Grey Form provided for free along with any other literature they can get their hands on. Currently trying to add to their meeting by acquiring an 8pm slot in the same facility. Providing information and historical points of view has silenced people in the area with a problem with the group.

Hermon, A way out group, Holland, just started grey book meeting 2-3 months ago, 10-15 people regularly at meeting, 3 regular members... did not plan to vote for any motions, love grey book. Working on translating baby blue to Dutch, read literature in English right now. Had 2 conferences this year 20-30 people showed up.

Erik, Holland, no matter what, Not sure if they are officially signed up to A.S.I.S, working with other group to translate literature. Use grey book. Print and give away literature, things changing in Netherlands. (Bill A asked about conference in October) NA came to Holland from NAWS structure... conference had workshops about history, basic text and group conscience. Group conscience had not been practiced in meetings. Had speakers from US speak via skype. Groups in Holland are very young and could really use experience from Netherlands. Need more people with experience to go to Holland

this October for next conference. Pockets of people knew about historic literature. Had a lot of contact with group of Sweden who was having a rough time with NAWS structure they are working on translations as well. (Majo, sponsor from Sweden translated second edition so a friend could read it. No second edition has come into printing. There is a baby blue meeting in Sweden) Old school fellowship weekend, name of conference. This year is will be European Service Conference, will be second weekend in October, Fliers will come, link on nahelp.org. Nahelp.nl for European fellowship conference. Also use RadioFree NA. could use support.

Ernesto, New York Washingtonville meeting, spiritual solution. Been around 5 years but was apart of NAWS structure first 4 years. Used to use living clean book now use 1983 living clean book as well as old IPS. Give away baby blues. 10-15 people show up regularly. Also use second edition once a month. Area calls them a renegade group. In NYC when Spanish NA started they were a renegade fellowship that's why it's so important to have an open mind.

Robert, Saturday Washingtonville 4-530, a grey area. Study grey book. Use grey book and original IPs. Use chips from Florida, 100% NAWS free. Second year. Study a step a month. On world app, people just come and check them out and don't seem to have a problem with them. Printed a NAWS meeting list and added their meeting to it so the newcomers who come have information on all meetings available, could use more step work guide.

Bill A, historical perspective group, 10 people Friday night, study grey book. Been communicating all over the world. Moscow will start translating baby blue, they translated old school step guide already it's on nahelp.org. also have recovery first group, been there since 3/31/79 has 4-5 people on Monday and Wednesday night, help write grey book reflections and post on radio free. Have enough grey book reflections that need to be put together and sent to groups. Written by various groups through radio free. Book has over 400 reflections that need to be sent to groups, format set. Will keep collecting until groups make a decision on what they want to use. Will turn it over to Anonymi Foundation who will protect it for the fellowship by addicts for addicts. Also work on other ip's. Bill would like to give a report on what's going on around the world later

Chubs says anyone who is not a G.S.R. and has something to report can do so after this

Mickey, step study group, groups been in existence for 19 months active grey book step study group, on state wide meeting list, not on world website. Attended north east zonal forum in November Billy was there did presentation. Forum makes up approximately 15% present of the fellowship in representation. Presented issues to world services. Have put in writing. Let's sit down and talk" have attended world board workshops, sent petitions to NAWS to do workshops and have sit downs. Home group put in motion to their area for world service conference to approve use of 1981 review copy and the baby blue (paraphrased) basically they are asking the world service conference to just say yes. Don't

care if the conference uses it or sells it; just want the service conference to recognize this material as NA literature. Its group approved so really don't care if they do approve it... but it will raise discussion. Anything that raises awareness is a good thing. Home group has fought to stay apart of service structure. Are accepted. No more battles in area of region anymore. Now it's a matter of getting out information.

Jamu, step of the month, Virginia, well accepted in area, carry extended time chips considered carrying baby blue in literature committee. Usually fewer than 10 people but up to 120yrs in clean time.

Pat, toast group, South Carolina, faction of the 6 oldest groups in South Carolina. 8-10 people no support from the meeting they sprung from. Lots of people gratefully stumble through the doors because of meeting finders. Are on area schedule. Not registered with NAWs. Been self-supporting for 10 months. Give baby blues, went through 2nd edition. Printing ip's do what they can do. Have grey books. On schedule as historic literature study and have yet to receive flack. Here to investigate this conference and the people here interested in becoming registered group.

Tyrell, alive and free old school recovery, Utah. Since moved location have 8-12 people through doors. Sometimes its 3 members sometimes 20. Currently have good relationship with area even though they don't vote or participate. Use baby blue, area having problem with 6th edition so they are considering using baby blue too. 6-8 meeting does literature study and writing. Been working on writing literature, writing traditions book using grey book, inspired by grey book.

Brian, alive and free, Kentucky, 4 active members, group 4 years old just had an anniversary this month. Part of area don't but really affiliate with them. Part of Ohio region but don't really participate. A part of ASIS did sign up 4 years ago with ussc want to be a part of anything helpful. Closed to public, addicts only do not sign documents; limit participation to people who haven't used in 24hrs. 2 hour meeting 7-9. Interested in forming an e-area using skype or something like that. Considered pure narcotics anonymous. In order to chair needs 1yr clean have an NA sponsor"*****" gsr have 1yr.

Chubs, both alive and free groups represented are independent of each other

Alive and free home group on Utah changed the position of chair to facilitator (Tyrel)

Eric, grateful wake up group, Norfolk Nebraska, lots of changes. Have 5 participating home group members. Have been NAWs free all year. Had true group conscience. Was different to take the time to understand and listen to other people. Was amazing experience. Have a package that needs to get here. Have some chips and stickers free for anyone who wants them, are here on the table. Been working on making chips before meetings and being a part of service and doing things as a group.

Working together orienting literature and binding books together. Doing things as a group has really built the group and helped people to want to be a part of. Are still listed on area and region meeting list. People may not necessarily support what they do, but they also aren't being attacked. Region contacted Eric and offered to post flier for history day July 15th. A lot of growth came from surrendering. Just do the right thing and don't worry about what everyone else is doing. Have members willing to take a stand. Won't participate at area level because they don't agree with concepts. Group believes they go against traditions. Added Thursday morning meeting where they study from the practicing traditions book. Mainly home group members showing up

Chubs, if you are anyone sent here by a home group to form a function, this service body is accountable to the groups; you don't have to be on a list or committed to ASIS you may speak on behalf of your group.

Rocky, our gratitude speak, Kentucky, closed meeting. Study baby blue and then will study 2nd edition. Don't sign verification papers. 1 year.

Mike, NA as such, area made motion to remove from schedule, joined other area who is also trying to remove them from that area. Read from second edition, 9 active home group members in January, lost 4 three weeks ago. Don't sign slips, closed meeting. Catching lots of grief, resentments against home group because they don't buy from WSO, people keep calling them non-spiritual.

Sean, different look group, Philly, sat 8-11 because there is a midnight meeting. Since January 2010. Grey book study, have 4 active home group members. Are on world app listed as a different look group literature study. Get a lot of newcomers off app a lot of them come back. Give everyone who comes for the first time a grey book. Most people don't come back. People who read and like the book do come back regardless of that people tell them. Left area when they didn't see the area serving addicts. Things well. Not original home group members. 2 home group members passed away, clean but then 2 new members join. 6-10 people there consistently. Struggling with group conscience because group is still getting to know each other. Participate in lit review and input when things catch their attention. Group conscience on first Tuesday of month on a night other than their meeting so they have time. When they work on literature they meet on the third Tuesday of the month to work on literature.

Hank s. grey book group and by us for us (freedom area Jacksonville FL) new grey book group in Brunswick Georgia "the historic literature meeting" Tuesday night. Grey book group and Brunswick group read grey book, by us for us studies baby blue. Hank voices opinion, saying he doesn't believe this service body is being presented to groups the way it could be. Expresses that it's possible to exist without being a part of NAWS. Home groups are powerful and they cannot shut us down. We are a worldwide fellowship now; we have 5 members here from Holland now. A lot to be said about the power of the group. Mention what Eric mentioned about the true group conscience. Believes this is the

true heartbeat of ASIS. Meetings exist solely on their own not a part of NAWS. As a home group, grey book group in Jacksonville was asked to leave area so group decided to stand on their own. A lot of stuff has been done because groups had to stand on their own. Grey book group in Jacksonville has 5-6 members with fluctuation. Old timers hang out. By us for us is over a year old not. New grey book group in Brunswick group is brand new. Feels we need to focus on growing what we have. If a home group needs things, we have the files. When you're forced to stand on your own, things really change. Need to focus on each group growing individually. Hates sitting in this room hearing how NAWS is treating groups when groups have the power to be self-supporting.

Chubs, after group reports we will have time for any other reports that are pertinent to groups from trusted servants you will have a chance to speak.

Kevin, words mean nothing, carrying 2 votes got recovery? And honest desire. Started a grey book group in Columbiana Ohio and its doing great 8-10 members who show up early, get 20-25 addicts. Meeting the same night as an 80 person meeting in the area. Read through the grey book. On second time around in grey book. New comers there sometimes old timer from other areas. Most home group areas really involved in service. No one gives too much shit. Some areas around send representatives have asked for their meetings to be taken off their meetings list. 2-3 people who are really vocal at area against their group. Baby blue used in H+I, P.I. uses baby blues, they have given away 1000. Young members see giving the baby blue away as prudent. Baby blue seems more accepted than grey book. After the 4th time when a group brought up motions to remove their home group from meeting list other groups started to get tired of it and actually started voting against the motions. Wednesday night 7:30 original 13 IPs, closed meeting. Love grey book, love how traditions are written. All these guys with 6 months clean understanding traditions. Other meeting struggling at times, Thursday there's 3 active members, 8-10 people a week. Person left meeting last night because they were still using "illicit" literature. 12 step retreats was a huge success. Having another retreat this spring, more will be revealed.

Chubs asked about area 51 group and if they are being represented

Kevin says they just don't really have any area service meetings. Area is 4 groups who are still meeting but not voting today. Call impromptu meeting when things need to get done like printing literature or events.

Tom represents 2 groups from Cleveland. Original grey book group of Cleveland 18 months old 4-6 people, under attack regularly. Other meetings in the area see tom as the traditions guy. Give away free literature, print own literature. People have a hunger for original literature. People view those involved in this group as "scabs" this hurts the people who come to this group who need an honest message. This hurts the people who come to this meeting who can't handle the beating they get.

Group shares an honest message of complete abstinence which makes some people uncomfortable. The ones who stay around who are the feisty people. Were motivated to start a second group who was a second edition basic text study group. Asked to be a part of the area. Read second edition. Were initially accepted and then by the second month they were unwelcomed. Other groups in area met secretly and passed a motion that said that all groups accepted in the area must be unanimously accepted by other groups. This woke up some other groups. Worried addicts will be lost from 3-4 years without an honest message. Don't have any interest in NAWs. Sad that people feel uncomfortable coming to their meeting because they have been beat up by others in the area, people who really want the message. It would be nice to be on the schedule.

Bill A, Anonymi foundation representation, has received no directive from this body. Received no communication or directive. I take no action unless directed by groups. Another meeting area, grey book meeting and another baby blue meeting.

Chubs, if your group has any motions we ask that you give them in writing now, this is not how it has to be it is just useful. Tomorrow there will be an open discussion and old business. Common questions are "why haven't you or the co-chair done this" the answer is always "because the groups haven't directed us too" chair person does not have any opinion or authority here. If the question is "why are you doing it this way" the answer is because this is how groups have done it until this point. Another question that comes up is "can I be part of ASIS and another service structure?" the answer is yes, this service body doesn't tell groups what to do. Chubbs and Alan f have been working on website together. There are two meetings who have given information to be listed on the meeting schedule who are members of this service body, they will be added this weekend

Kevin thanks Chubs and Alan for work on the meeting schedule.

Ray please keep place clean, don't throw cigarettes around, please see Ray to register, breakfast is tomorrow between 730-9 in main dining area. Lunch around 12 resume around 1. Can use pool at lunch. Will meet until 4 and then Dinner is at 6pm

Question about deadline for motions to be submitted

Chubs says there is no deadline, but motions need to come from home groups. We don't formulate motions here. Home groups formulate motions and then send them here.

Tyrell home group has been running a key tag list and is trying to get the ball rolling and work on getting involved with other groups to find them so they don't have to be a part of NAWs structure.

Chubs suggest getting with Hank or Eric, they won't do it for you but they will give suggestions.

Chris, doesn't know enough about ASIS to carry a group conscious up here, but wants to share what's happening. A baby blue introduced 2 years ago, started a meeting full blast on Friday night called carry thing the message, literature carrying the meeting. Started Wednesday night grey book meeting called 12 steps 12 traditions. Literature is attracting people. Newcomers and old times. WSC 16 sent out a letter to the area. Both meetings are 15 strong people. Other groups at the area stuck up for these meetings to WSO. Now other groups in area are asking for baby blues 5 meeting distributing baby blues. They are printing their own ip's. Slowly breaking away from area. Up here to learn from ASIS groups. Does this conference send out something like a car report?

Chubs, on nahelp.org we will post the minutes as well as any motions. We also post this on Radio Free NA as well as any other social media place we can think of to post.

Chris, lots of people with 2 years and less are on fire for this literature. Letting literature carry message. Sometimes it's lonely out there, happy to find ASIS

Hank S. Freedom area has no service position. Met twice once was 9 minutes once was 12 minutes. There's no entitlement in area, we meet to discuss whatever needs to happen. We have guidelines for the area if anyone is interested. Now 3 home groups. Would like to give report for G.B.S.A-L.C. Turned over grey book step work guide to ASIS last year. 3rd draft of traditions work book needs to be formatted and will now be turned over to ASIS. 3 years in the making and about 7 literature conferences. We want to do literature conferences. If home groups are interested in having literature conferences, get in touch with Nolie. The other thing is we were going to suggest other groups hold their own literature conferences and then send info in to the project. Hank has 1000 group chips and 100 hip pocket program books which are Greg P's 52 questions about the steps and traditions and the buff book combined. Would be a great treatment center or jail tool. Have found a source to get grey books and step work guide really cheap. If anyone is interested in this it's going to require unity from groups, this includes hard cover grey books. Figured out how to make a medallion for a decent price. Kevin K. Is the chair of the GBSALC.

Kevin G.B.S.A-L.C met in January and completed 3rd draft of tradition workbook; we will get it up on nahelp.org . We've been trying to print a hard back grey book, but it's going to require a small chunk of cash. We may not be able to produce this money for 5-6 months. Maybe we could brainstorm amongst ourselves. At this point we have \$1180

Hank the G.B.S.A.-L.S started with a goal of having 4 books for \$10 including the grey book, grey book step work guide, grey book traditions work book and grey book meditations book. After a lot of phone calls to many different places hank has found a way to print all of these books for less than \$10. This order will take about \$3000 initially. If anyone is interested let's talk later. We can have our books professionally printed for \$3 and soft covers for \$1.50

Bill A. Are we opening for an open forum?

Chubs yes

Bill A. ill open tomorrow

Remon, another group wanted to come who was very interested in this service body... their group never registered to any area or region. They went to go to the region in Holland and now it is in the minutes that they are free to carry a message as they choose because they follow tradition. The literature speaks for itself.

Chubs, tonight if you are a representative of a group please speak. Tomorrow, if your group has sent you with a conscience to vote, then vote. If your group has not conscienced a vote then please do not vote tomorrow. This service body does not operate by delegated representatives. The alive and free group in Utah has brought a book here for the last few years; if you would like to sign it please do so.

Sean, brought some literature that is free for the taking

Kevin, groups in his area print grey books and second editions and original 4th step guides if anyone needs to purchase.

Chubs, this is NA literature by addicts for addicts sold at cost. We will begin tomorrow at 9:30

Close with moment of silence and the circle up with serenity prayer10:21pm

Day 2

7/1/2017 10:15am

Open Forum

Chubs reminds everyone about sign in sheets going around. Asks GSR's to raise hands for count.

Open with a moment of silence and serenity prayer.

Jamu believes we did a really wonderful thing by showing up to the world convention in Philly and thinks we should do something similar in Orlando next year. Thinks ASIS. creates a nice atmosphere and shows other groups that there is another option other than NAWWS.

Chubs, Bill A. is not here right now, he carries a vote. One of the main things he wanted to discuss was what is happening worldwide in the fellowship. The website, Moscow, a number of groups is considering joining ASIS. They are committed to traditionalist literature. Translating literature and have asked to make translated literature available on nahelp.org.

Floor is now open.

Hank, hip pocket book has been translated into Spanish. Called side pocket program. Nolie S. has file. Maybe other people who speak other languages could translate?

Bryan- Lots of overdoses. We're taking it seriously. Shutting down people that are sharing high. Not participating in signing court papers. Talked about DRTs and are the people high, dirty, or using? Talked about home group and how are they are handling it. Group is in Maysville, KY.

Ken thinks you would be hard pressed to find any addict in this room to find any addict in this room who doesn't believe that signing attendance verification documents isn't affiliation and that people taking drugs are clean. Ken thinks that there are principled people here.

Eric wants to make clear some of the ip's that are works in progress and open participation. If anyone has an issue with anything written in them please add input. Doesn't really know how input is happening right now, kind of confusing, but it is happening and we need participation. Dutch are helping, Kevin's group, Hank and Nollie's group, all these groups are writing and open participation. As

far as unity everyone here believes in our Traditions. Believes we shouldn't be telling groups what they should and shouldn't do. Traditions are what they are and people here understand that.

Chubs, radiofreena is not an official service of this body; it's just something groups use. When a piece of literature changes it is at a literature conference.

Hank S. To John "I feel your pain" the way of this body is that the body has no voice, the home group does. The flipside is that two home groups don't have to be exactly the same. I personally ask the person who the probation officer is and sign that name, that's just my personal opinion. Literature says "you have gone through complete withdrawal and have stopped using for the present, now with a clear mind try this way of life. " Says in the text that NA is a 100% clean drug free program. This body didn't create it, it was created in the text in 1970's some people just forgot it. So welcome to the show brother.

Robert to Brian "I feel you" this was happening to us 2 years ago. I've been trying to get to radio free to talk about how the same way we don't distinguish between drugs we can't do that with abstinence too. MAT medication assisted treatment. Any medication used to assist the coming off drugs. We don't need to educate ourselves for all these things all we need to know is what clean is. "We don't use drugs to recover, we use 12 steps" Doesn't do H+I because NAWA doesn't want him to say that. Believe the message is up to the addict and whether they choose to come. I don't do H+I because if I can't give a 100% NA message of abstinence than I won't do it. When they do clean time they talk about being clean as being clean from all drugs including any drugs used to aid in not using drugs. You've got to use the 12 steps to aid in being clean not MAT. DRT is old now any drug used for the treatment of addiction is not clean including all future stuff.

Sean, all of this total abstinence stuff started with a memorandum "We're not doctors". Total abstinence was used as input for an IP in Florida called complete abstinence. Who cares what another service structure does, we don't have to do those things. There's a money scheme happening in other service structures and in the treatment industry. Who cares, were not about money. When we gave baby blues away at the service conference in Philly people asked about the money where the money was going and we said there is no money, it's not about making money. Don't care about the business of NA, we're not a business, we're here and got here using prayer and meditation. Think we're wasting a whole lot of time talking about unanimous, were giving people options. Are we truly free if everyone has to do everything the same way? Freedom is about having choices.

Chubs, it doesn't matter which basic text your group is using, as a point of information, I think every version said when we use drugs in any form or substitute one for another we release our addiction all over again. I think ...

Mickey, I would say that there are two views of thinking. Groups who use grey and baby blue use group autonomy and also believe in addict to addict help. There's a bond that crosses this. When running groups it seems there are two approaches to service. One seems like "were going to do what we're going to do" then there's those of us that say "no, I love you and you can't tell me to go away" those groups are committed to being a part of the service groups around them. There will always be a lot of us where groups around us will 100% reject us. In a lot of areas the groups aren't 100% rejecting us and we need to be vocal about how we disagree with NAWS but we don't disagree with doing H+I or having a collaborative meeting schedule or doing pi. We need to look at where we come together and it doesn't have to be rejecting everybody at a local group level.

Jamu, me holding up my hand is not a limit, just informational

Ken, (Sundance) when I came in I came in off drug replacement and was welcomed in the meeting and felt like I fit in and after a couple months I went up to my sponsor and asked when I get to start the steps. Sponsor said "I can't graft a new idea on a closed mind" and that's what got him off suboxone. I understood without anyone telling me what I could or couldn't do because I was "using". So the very next meeting I surrendered and we started working steps and I haven't used anything in 4 years. So to me NA is the groups. NA helped me get clean. I do service work now we do camp outs and conventions, that's not NA that's just showing newcomers that we can have fun. NA to me is the groups.

Chubs, there was a group of addicts who moved to another state back in the day and started a home group who believe in total abstinence. People in the old area realized they had people in service using DRT. That area called cooperation for guidance first and then later called those members who started a new abstinence based area. The abstinence based area shared their experience, and that experience was used. A lot of those members stepped down from their service positions or found somewhere to serve where it was acceptable to be using DRT.

Brian, I hope I didn't make anyone feel ostracized because I too came here on drug replacement too.

Mickey, motions went out to fellowship so here pretty much what we're doing is a group tally. The other thing that is going to happen is because we've all come together this is a powerful energy source and new ideas will come from this conference. So next week we will take all this new inspiration and ideas we will go back to our home groups. We need a way for home groups to come together within months of this conference and make decision. I don't want to wait till next June for things to happen. In the process of discussing things here, can we have some kind of decision process for November? Maybe

we can come up with a process so after next month motions submitted by a group that go up on a website if they get a certain amount of votes.

Ken have your group bring that motion next year

Chubs as a chair I am not endorsing or opposing what mickey is talking about I just have to clarify the way this conference operates. If groups want to get together to do things they don't need permission from this conference. The other thing is that I will not move forward anything that does not follow the current process. For something to become a policy here it must go through the current process.

Ken, with this process realistically it will be 2 years before anything happens.

Eric we addressed this on the floor last year and no one brought it back to our home group and no one did. My home group isn't ready for it yet, that's why we didn't make this motion. We have to bring these motions here so we can move forward.

Hank 3 years in a row I've been here, I'm grateful that I'm in a system that can't force some things into happening. We have a service structure that protects us from it. The other thing is that if every GSR in this room wants to talk about this entire thing we can do that, we don't need this service body to do that. The groups have all the power. If your group wants to write an IP do that! Another group may not use it but so what's. We don't need this service body, the reason this service body exists is as a way for all of us to come together and talk about these things.

Robert, I think were jumping the gun, I think they're might be a motion coming

Chubs there are no motions being made right now,

Robert, Hank is presenting a way to get this literature cheap. It could be up to us individually if we would like to add finances. We print our own ip's already and get the rest from Florida and from Kevin.

Sean we may not be business efficient but we are spiritually efficient. Sometimes I feel like we're not getting anywhere because our progress is slow, but it's steady. The important thing is if we make a good spiritually sounds idea than it will always be a spiritually sound idea. Sometimes I feel like were dragging our feet but I understand why, so we don't make the same mistakes and give the functions of this body too much control. The idea is to keep the service we provide as close to the groups as possible. We

don't need a body's permission to do anything. Your group is entitled to do that so long as you stay within the Traditions.

Ken my first ASIS. Was in 2006 and we've slowly gotten larger and then there was some people with a NAWS mentality and we survived it. I think last year is what we can really call a group driven conference and I'm really pleased with our progress and were talking about a 10-12 year window when this happened. We don't really need to do a whole lot here. What we do here is share information and offers each other emotional support. This is how I get rest to go out for another year. This is really great and our progress is good and the results speak for themselves.

Hank when I first came here was the baby blue, second edition, grey and some ip's now there's those and the step work guide, traditions work book, living clean 83, more ip's, more translations, and a bunch more... How is this not sufficient for us?! If we don't see that as the vision than what is it? Were literature junkies. Every year there will be more groups and more literature. We've already arrived. If you have ideas, play the tape all the way through because we have freedom here.

Chubs what we're discussing now is solely based on opinions. We are not making any decisions here now.

Kevin, I came here for the first time in 2012 and it was a week after the WSO. It was my first service conference at WSO and I was blown away at how it worked and I remember sitting in a bench crying. This spirituality here is really group conscience based. Sometimes I want things to move faster here but then I have to remember my experience with that World Service Conference.

Sean, first time I came was in 2010. We used to get together twice a year then, once here and once in Ohio in September. Things used to take a year in this process.

Chubs even in the old system if someone came to the floor and said I have an idea, it couldn't be submitted to the floor until the following year. Once the alive and free group rescinded a motion because of input from other groups. If a motion comes this year it can still be revised in three months and be voted on next year.

Martin, love to hear what's being said, I cannot come twice a year to America maybe we can do video conference so we can meet more often. Not everyone has money to buy a ticket to the United States.

Chubs, people ask how ASIS is structured and the answer is no one really knows. The literature committee that you heard last night is not a conference subcommittee, that's a committee that a home

group made and decided to share on this service floor. So Groups in other countries can do what they need to do. There are two groups in England who are a part of this service structure who are never here, and they don't need to be, they can do what they choose to do. A.s.i.s. is whatever the groups do.

Sean, groups don't have to physically be in attendance, other members can carry votes for those who are unable to be in attendance. It's nice to see everyone

Hank, groups from Holland could send one person or e-mail a vote; you can do whatever you choose to do. In the old days the area would send one member everyone contributed to their travel expenses and sent someone out.

Remon, why don't we skype this, there is something different about being here and seeing what's happening that is lost in words.

Mickey thanks groups from Holland for being present here. It's exciting to have world representation on this floor.

Chubs it has been discussed that we make an audio recording of this, so far we haven't had the equipment to pick up the sound in this room, but there's no reason someone couldn't record to keep a better record of what's happening here.

Scott is anyone opposed to having their picture taken

Chubs if my picture is taken I would prefer that my photo not go out to the public.

Hank my personal opinion I feel that on my personal Facebook page I can post what I want. A voice recording is without a face.

Eric one of the things that I really appreciate about this conference is the respect that we have for each other. The fact that Scott even thought to ask this question.

Chubs it seems like it's time to prepare for lunch, I'm just trying to coordinate thing. After lunch we will do old business and then new business today.

Scott, I do have a camera, if you want pictures with your friends, I'm here

Close with circle and prayer 11:44

Open with moment of silence and serenity prayer 2:06pm

Old Business

Bill A asks if there are any announcements....16, 17th and 18th February step retreat in Ohio, 3rd weekend in March literature conference in Longwood FL. History day July 15th in Lincoln Nebraska. Eric is celebrating 13 years here tonight. Last Saturday this month in Washingtonville Roberto will celebrate 37 years. Sean celebrating 18 years in Philly this month. Monday Brian will be celebrating 11 years.

Chubs were moving to motions. Yes vote counts as yes, no vote counts as no both are part of quorum. If your vote abstains you are part of the quorum. No votes are not part of Quorum. 3 motions to be voted on this year... If your group didn't send you a reason for a no vote than don't give one. If you don't accompany a No vote with a reason than it will pass with 80%

Motion 1

Motion:

To approve the Baby Blue Edition of the NA Basic Text as Fellowship Approved Literature through the Fellowship Service Conference. This would include any Basic Text that is the result of restoring the original 4th and 9th Traditions to Book One of the Third Edition Revised or applying the Revised Headers to the Second Edition. This motion would not apply to any such volume containing a "Book Two" or personal stories.

Motion 1

Yes 10

No 1

Abstain 2

Present but not voting 3

Chubs if your group has supplied a reason than that no vote will hold up the vote.

Kevin The Honest Desire Group, our group conscious did not want to hold up the other groups from moving forward with this. Home group believes that each group should decide what literature they want to use regardless of what the conference approves

Chubs, if we misstated on the conference floor information last year, then we screwed up. If my home group doesn't believe that something shouldn't be conference approved literature....

Kevin, the Honest Desire Group, Ohio, our group believes that there should be NO approved literature. Conference should not approve any group of literature.

Eric, grateful wakeup group, Nebraska, (written paper from Eric)

Motion #1 2016 BB FSC approval
We agreed to abstain from this motion with reasons. We feel we don't need a stamp of approval for groups to use literature. We don't want to stop other groups from this if it makes them feel more secure with using the Baby Blue Basic Text. We don't want to fall into traps we have had before. We want it clear groups have the right to choose what literature they use.

Tyrell alive and free, Utah (written statement)

Billy needs clarification, this conference will not approve anything, and the groups approve everything. If this conference started approving things, I would step away from my position. So for that paperwork to be coming from the group who approved it needs clarification, it is a direct contradiction. If this body is not going to allow the voice of the groups to be heard and allow groups to approve stuff. Need clarification.

Chubs, the reason that this group contradicted themselves is because the group contradicted themselves

Bill A you don't have the rights to speak for your home group as the chair

Jamu what does FSC stand for?

Chubs Fellowship Service Conference is FSC. The motion asked for conference approval that's why it was rescinded.

Kevin, our group who voted no would have looked at it different if it said group approved versus conference approved.

Hank so we voted on a motion that the group who made the motion opted out of participating in this motion, but then also participated by laying a piece of paper on the table that participates in depth. The paper on the table changes what is happening here. If this group actually wanted to have no participation than the paper on the floor from alive and free has no place here. Is that paper participation? Because were setting the table for other groups. Is this participating or not?

Kevin, I think it's okay to be present and not voting and still participate, I think the body deserves a reason, thinks this paper should be in the minutes

Hank but that's opinion, so what does present but not voting mean, is that the same as no participation?

Jamu I think this forum is here to give the groups a voice and they should be given that voice, it's a non-vote not participating, were here to hear the groups.

Hank all this conversation is going on right now because no one has a clue on what the rules are.

Kevin clarifies, present but not voting

Chubs my impression was that a group could say whatever they want on this floor

Bill when I chaired the conference I never made the rules, I listened to the groups and let them speak, and every group could talk and have their voice heard. The motion said "fellowship approved" not conference approved. People need to read the motion. Chubbs put out a statement saying that if you had any input on motions to give it back by March. No one said anything. Every group needs to

understand that you have a certain amount of time if you have a problem with how a motion is worded to get in touch with that home group and talk about it. Also within that time a motion may be rescinded. No one had a problem that they voiced. The year before the same group made a motion and rescinded it. You have to mean what you're saying and follow the process. Things should have been worked out in March

Chubs, that home group's conscience was different in March.

Tyrell, conscience was changed this last month

Chubs, group felt like they were stuck between a rock and a hard.....maybe the solution is to submit this group's statement in open forum tomorrow instead of here during old business.

Eric home group did talk about this motion and a member of alive and free group and came to a similar conscience before talking to other group. From what I heard it seems like maybe our group should have abstained from this vote....

Kevin, can that motion be amended?

Chubs, yes

Kevin, based on what Billy as stated on the floor, our group may have voted different

Chris what I'm hearing is group approved, conference approved and fellowship approved. Maybe the group who submitted this motion doesn't understand the 4th tradition? I don't understand how we could ever have anything fellowship or conference approved?

Mickey looking at guidelines and we at least need to have an agreement on what we're doing. First thing would be If everyone read the guidelines than we need to agree that these are what we use, and if there's changes that need to be made than that needs to be changed before we start. We all need to agree to the rules before we start. (Reads information from the motions sent out to groups) present but not voting a group that is present but not voting is removing itself completely and opting to have no voice. Because the groups who choose this option will not be asked their reasoning, this does not stop a group member from having and individual voice.

Kevin the group, who voted no, did not want to give a reason.

Bill I have confidence with what's in there.

Mickey the rules need to be clarified before we start. If there's a problem with what's written than that needs to be clarified before we start.

Bill our process is that one no vote sends votes back so we can correct them for next year. I read the motion as a GSR and came here ready to vote.

Kevin our group specifically voted no with no reason according to what is written on the motions put out.

Bill disagrees

Mickey re reads the header on the motions that went out to groups

Hank the entire time I've been coming here, one no vote has sent motions back to groups. I'm sorry to open this can of worms. But there are a lot of things that need clarification and we can't conduct business this way. We need to be on the same page. We could just go back to our home groups and do what we want; we came here for a single point of accountability.

Chubs, this information above the motion came from the minutes from last year; it came from what was said on the conference floor last year.

Hank, well we've definitely hit a wall, so what happens now? Do we follow what's been written or do we send it back to groups.

Bill the minutes that everyone is talking about was something brought up in open forum last year. The group who brought it up has disbanded since then. What it comes down to is we cannot make decisions for groups. We don't create rules, home groups have to.

Hank well were in a catch 22...

Mickey are there any other groups here who will vote no to the motion without intent? Votes we just move on and deal with this tomorrow.

Chatter amongst floor.

Tyrell says this paper is from our groups conscious

Sean being that was in old business the minutes from last year need to be amended to change those rules from last year.

Bill did we approve the minutes from last year?

Sean, I think if we amend the minutes from last year things could be clarified.

Chubs let's be honest, we all could have read these minutes before this point.

Ronnie has a no vote without a reason.

Chubs it's not that important whether or not this gets held up...

Chris I understand everything that's being said, I just need clarification on what to take back to my group. Is this group approved, conference approved or fellowship approved literature.

Eric everyone's motions are a little out of control I've heard that when they had problems at literature conferences they would stop and say a prayer, should we stop and say a prayer?

Ronnie, I read somewhere that the groups who wrote the motion have the right to remove the motion. We've all voted on it so maybe we ought to just let god have it, maybe were making mountains out of molehills.

Pause and say the serenity prayer

Chubs we cannot make a decision on the letter because it is in conflict of spirit. We are going to move on with the understanding of if someone votes no than it will go back to groups for 1st year motions. We are going to take things slow...

80% will not pass a motion the first year. This motion does not pass.

Motion 2

**Made by The Historical Perspectives Group
Allentown, Pennsylvania, USA**

**Motion:
To put the Five Essential Tools I.P. up for approval**

Motion

Yes 10

No 2

Abstain 2

Present but not voting 3

Kevin, Honest desire group wondered what does approved really mean?

Hank abstention, grey book group, abstained because group has no experience with this IP

Eric, (paper attached) missing paper

Motion 3

Motion:
To form a literature committee and elect a chairperson and set a
process for ASIS approval of new or changed literature.

Motion

Yes 2

No 10

Abstain 2

Present but not voting 3

Tom asks will a motion keep coming until it is completely defeated?

Chubs a motion does not die, it will continue to come back until a group changes it with the input of other groups and is accepted or until the group who sent it rescinds it.

Robert, grey area, reason for no vote is because of the words ASIS approval. Group wrote to groups and asked them to make changes and they never did.

Chubs last email from Jim miller was that alive and kicking group could change motion but they did not

Hank grey book group, no vote (paper attached) missing paper?

Eric (paper attached)

Motion 3 2015 formalize literature
Our Group conscience is no on this motion
with reasons we felt that there could be issues
of this motion directing to Groups instead
of giving the freedom afforded in our Traditions.
There were also concerns of falling into corporate
problems with formalization. We also discussed
how we believe in literature as is being done
now with the idea that addicts are writing
again. We did discuss some benefits of having
someone to coordinate all literature efforts.
We just could not get past the issues we
felt of how this motion was written going
against our Traditions.

Ernesto, spiritual solutions, it was discussed that group didn't want to give the power to ASIS so that's why there was a no vote

Old Business is closed.

Chubs new business motions are not going to be perfect, bear this in mind...

Hank motion to break

Scott second.

Begin at 4:12

Chubs we are going to go into open forum right now

Moment of silence, followed by third step prayer

Open Forum:

Chubs- Members of the Dutch Fellowship have some things they will like to speak on.

Remon- Wondered what the intent was on the motion. Motion 3 would make the fellowship more secure. The motion was more about the groups don't want to decide what other groups want to use.

Robert: Motion 3 Talked about what motion 3 meant to his home group and approval holds weight to the people who ask about the literature. Approval gives us something to stand on.

Ronnie: Not speaking for my group. Material stuff takes me away from a spiritual awakening. Home groups will support other home groups with the decisions with other groups. It's not about the material. It's about the spirit of it.

Shawn: Approval of the second edition only one approved by the fellowship and group conscience. When they first started printing baby blues I was handing them out and the originals had FLC on the front which was the fellowship literature committee, with each printing it changed a little.

Eric: wanted to make clear, every group who is here uses baby blues,

Some people say no

Eric: doesn't think there is actually a problem with the book

Bill a. Can explain the baby blue. Felt that the service conference violated the fellowship...that's why I explained this is not a conference approved process. And why a RSR doesn't carry one vote they carry individual votes for each meeting. The only reason we put a one year blockage there is so no one is deciding or dictating. groups made a decision to reinstate the 4th & 9th tradition (in reference to the creation of the baby blue) those groups felt they were violated at service conference. I deal with most groups using and considering using baby blue, I deal with groups translating baby blue. The purpose of calling baby blue fellowship approved isn't to say all groups have to use it. We are not here to censor decide and dictate, different groups choose to use different editions of NA literature. Our group doesn't consider NAWS literature approved literature; we consider it board approved literature. Moscow just translated Greg's old school stuff... Columbians are being attacked physically, just sent them 10000 baby blues. Groups can look through notes to see what was and wasn't approved. Our main goal is to support one another and communicate with each other. A lot of us worked very hard to get here out of our own pockets and we want to support one another and each group. We need to listen to each other's needs to consider how we can support one another. Skype is a great tool. Thanks members from Holland for coming

Hank pulls out a box of books to present to Members from Holland. From Hank personally not from any group. Thanks members from Holland for inspiring him.

Hank read through minutes and what we mentioned earlier was simply discussion. Nothing actually changed we just had a discussion of suggestion so nothing looks like it needs to be amended.

Tom Motion to accept minutes

Jamu Second

Chubs all in favor 12 votes, no 0, abstain 0, votes pass, minutes accepted

Chubs floor still open for NA related open discussion

Bill does not have a group to represent, but had a couple thoughts about what was very passionately discusses. When motions come up, what is approval? Is it group approval, fellowship approval, group conscience approval? Maybe this is something that should be more clearly defined. As individual members who care enough about ASIS. to come to a mountain on a hot July weekend, we need to consider this. Need to consider this process so we're all on the same page so if another group wants to be involved with ASIS. They can better understand how ASIS. operates. Thinks in our hearts we're all on the same page but maybe fall short in communication.

Eric, the only thing that makes sense is fellowship approved. Fellowships approved may be a problem because it seems like it dictates to people who are not a part of ASIS

Chubs maybe we need to come up with a term for what we're talking about here.

Kevin thinks the name is really important.

Mickey it didn't matter to us what was approved and what was not, it made no difference to us if other groups approved of what our group uses. We don't take the discussion to any higher level than our home group. The fear with these motions discussed is "what if something is not approved". Would groups be removed from ASIS? meeting list for using unapproved literature?!

Shawn group feels similar to Mickey's group. It doesn't make a difference to us. However, people who are starting new groups who are on the front lines right now, maybe literature that is labeled approved will make things a little easier for them. My group uses what we choose to use and are not effected one way or another by what's approved. But if we can help those coming behind us catch a little less lack, we need to consider them.

Remon agrees with Shawn

Bill in 1991 my home group decided not to participate in the world service structure. I'm only involved with one fellowship so I consider being a part of a traditionalist movement. My home group doesn't sit on the fence. But now we have a fellowship sitting around us again. When we say fellowship approved, we mean this fellowship. Home groups make the ultimate decisions on giving direction but if were writing literature as a whole we need a process for approval. There seems to be consistency amongst individual groups and the literature they choose to use. Was in communication with a group in Texas interested in using baby blue, recommended holding a history day. We've got to support each other.

Hank we could all just go as home groups and buy a stamp that says fellowship approved. If you want your stuff to be approved, stamp approved on it. We could get bogged down all we want and create a vortex. There are things that we've talked about in depth this year and last year. Maybe motions that aren't passing just aren't really that important. It's important that we bring new literature and new groups and keep growing. What's important is that the groups don't get pounded down by some outside issue. To worry about what other people think is an outside issue.

Remon,

Tom I think it's naïve to think that if something was ASIS approved that it would somehow stop the shit storm, and then people would say ASIS isn't approved, I've read some NAWS approved literature that I don't believe is approved. What has to be going on in each area is to teach traditions. All that matters is what is NA. If a group says something is approved that's what matters. There's only one fellowship we are all NA members and are all equal in what we believe. Another group can believe I'm not NA and that's fine, they have the right to an opinion too... Some people will never hear this message they don't want to do traditions or steps, there are people who want to take short cuts but that's not about me. I choose to be around purists. We're all here to keep a pure message alive. Who would have thought that the fellowship to say "well, maybe not complete abstinence" I wish I could say it's going to be easy, but it's never going to be easy. There's been a change, softness, a political easiness. And we don't believe in that. People do not understand the tradition that says we can form structure. It's a gift to be a purist because it makes us able to educate. Approved doesn't change anything.

Robert, when we're forming input and adding stuff isn't that kind of like approval?

Nolie says not necessarily, because the editing process is necessary to make sure the body of literature is consistent with an NA message.

Chubs it doesn't sound like any one is getting hung up on what's approved, but on what effect it could have if it is approved.

Remon, what's the point of having a service structure? There's always going to be shit right? So the idea is that we don't stand in shit alone.

Brian really appreciates everything everyone is doing. We have some heavy hitters in here. The war to me is can we help people get clean and stay clean. A revolution is necessary when people are hungry. Daughter is using; disease tells him that she's just experimenting, that she's in a face. Daughter is on deck. The disease is all over the place, even in this room. I want to know how we can win "no addict need die" seems like money is taking precedence over lives... whole area buys baby blues...

Scott I remember the feeling of finding something new and feeling like it's you against the world. Back home it was 3-4 of us against the area. And by the time I left this service conference I knew I had the whole area behind us. We stood on principle after this conference (speaking to Remon) was here with you no matter what.

Bill A we come here to communicate and to carry a message and the best way to do that is through home groups. I don't want to be a part of a fellowship that's not clean. So we wrote a few different ip's about abstinence it all started with were not doctors. They're all out but we don't have one consistent piece. I could survive with my own home group and say screw you all. But the doctors, the priest is looking for something that is approved, we've all got to be doing pi. When our group did pi in 1971 the first thing we did was give out the little white book. Our message has to be total complete abstinence. There is a reason for some consistency and that's where approval comes in. When you're dealing with pi and H+I the public am looking at us. We are inside a looking glass. We want to get in to help addicts and we want them to hear a clear message. Each group can have their ip's that's fine were not here to dictate. But when we are doing H+I or pi work we need some form of what's approved. I don't want to hear about the other structure here; I want to support you all. The issue is not when motions pass the issue is helping other addicts.

Martin shares experience coming to NA

Brian feels like addicts are dying. Right now if you went to the average person and asked them what is the answer to addiction they would tell you Narcan, or suboxone. With step 10 what affects us most is our reputation.

Close with serenity Prayer. 5:46pm

Day 3

7/2/2017 9:33

Open with a moment of silence followed by serenity prayer

Chubs we'll read the motions in before any discussion. Then we will open the floor for discussion on those motions. This is not open forum this is for discussion on those motions for people to take information back to their groups. This is not a time to argue for motions for to hear different points of view so groups can make an informed group conscience

Alan basically people need to understand the intent of each motion to take back to groups

Tyrell can I get a copy of each motion?

Chubs what will happen is each motion will go into the minutes and the minutes will be emailed to everyone

Chubs intents are part of each motion

Raymond – financial report we collected 43 registrations \$3656 \$1350 for facility.... food and misc. \$1918.75 total... \$200 donated from historical perspective from last year +\$25 random donation. Total collected \$3880 \$611 surplus, 311.35+ weekends booked next year June 15th-17th (written report?)

Bill Eric is celebrating 13 years and group has sent a coin for him that I would like to present

(Bill gives Eric coin)

Eric- I didn't do it, God did all I did was I had to get out the way. It's great to be able to celebrate with you guys, and for my home group to send me chips that really means a lot too.

Chubs- is there anything else before we go on?

Hank is there enough to cover for next year?

Ray- we've but down a deposit

Alan so what happens to the +\$300?

Ken & Alan it should go back to the group

Bill it goes towards next year's conference

Chubs FSC does not have a treasurer so the surplus will be help by the home group who sponsors this event and used for this event next year

Hank grey book group makes a motion to accept treasurers report

Eric seconds

Chubs all in favor 13 opposed 0 abstain 0

Chubs what time do we need to wrap up?

Ray this place needs to be cleaned top to bottom, like meetings keep this place cleaner than when you walked in. place needs to be swept and mopped, we need all the help we can get there were a few years when it was just Ray and Bill cleaning. The cabins up the hill are off limits. They need to be rented and the facility needs to know ahead of time.

Bill when I originally negotiated this place they said once we fill this place up we can over flow into the cabins.

Ray, yes we can do that with a charge

Bill right but we have to use all the beds in here first

Eric I thought someone said it was only \$15 bucks for the cabin. If individuals want to rent a cabin....

Bill we can find the price but you'll have to pay for it individually

Chubs back to the original question what time does this need to be done

Bill we usually finish up here before 12, we'll re heat some food from last night

Chubs keep in mind we need to elect positions and keep in mind this is not the only place discussion has to take place, reach out to each other

Hank I was discussing with Alan yesterday maybe getting a GSR spot on the website to submit stuff for the groups. A place where GSRs can post information for groups. Somewhere where any member can go click on the website and see what's happening in the meetings. Everyone would be able to see what the groups are posting.

Chubs quick show of hands who is interested in this as an NA member, this isn't a vote, this is a pole (most of room raises hand) okay Alan please do that

Bill this is a good tool for us to have

Roberto this will be a good site to get on the same page about motions. This would have helped with that motion from area 51 last year. This would mean we could get things straight before a few months

Chubs and I know someone will mention radio free

Bill yes we all talked a lot about this...

Hank as easy as it would be to make a tap for groups to communicate it would be just as easy to make ones for motions.

Chubs there is one for motions and for minutes.....There are quite a few motions for us to get to in just going to go in order

Motion 1 from the alive and free group In Kentucky, Brian H reads can I do any explaining?

Chubs you can explain whatever you want but the motion needs to be read word for word

Brian reads motion

ve and Free

#1

Bryan H. (606) 584-9023

Motion / Proposal

"We propose to change the name of the service structure "ASIS" (Alternative Service Informational Structure) to "Pure Narcotics Anonymous Service."

Chubs is there intent with it? Okay, this is what it is

Motion 2 from historical perspective Raymond reads (literature coordinator)

#2

New Proposal for The Fellowship Service Conference

Proposal

To establish a Literature Coordinator,
a Literature committee, to ASSIST
and serve as a "GO Between" for
the Group writing Projects and efforts.

INTENT

To help assist in the process of
Groups sending writings out to the
other Participating Groups, for the purpose
of input and review, if requested; and
to Host the Fellowship Literature Conference,
Directed by the NA Home Groups.

The NA Home Groups will develop the
Guidelines that the committee will be
directed to follow.

Proposal By The Historical
Perspective Group NA

Alive and free Utah has 4 motions Tyrell reads motions

Motion 3 (to adopt %80 yes vote procedure)

#3

**Alive & Free Nomads
Motions For New Business
FSC 2017**

Motion #AF1

Motion

To formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC:

- All motions require 80% "Yes" votes to pass.
- The first year a motion is up for approval, any "No" vote accompanied by a stated reason from the Group voting "No" will result in the motion not passing. In subsequent years this stipulation will not apply even if the motion is modified by the submitting Group to accommodate feedback. "No" votes that are not accompanied by a stated reason will not hold up any motion in year one.
- Groups may vote in the following ways: "Yes"; "No"; "Abstain", "Not Voting".
- "Not Voting" will have the effect of a vote not being cast, meaning it is not included in the quorum. This differs from casting an "Abstain" vote in that abstentions do count toward the quorum total for that vote.
- Casting a vote of "Not Voting" will not exclude a Group from the quorum on any other issue -- It only applies to the current motion.
- Any Group may submit for the record the reason they cast their vote in the manner they cast it, though only with regard to "No" votes the first year a motion is up for approval will the outcome be impacted.
- GSRs, ASRs, RSRs, or any other representative empowered by a Group to bring its conscience may not submit reasons for votes unless the Group has instructed them to do so, even if they have knowledge of such.

Intent

Formalize voting procedure at FSC. ~~This is how we have been operating up to this point based on previous practice and precedent as best we can.~~ This motion seeks only to formalize this and give voice to the current conscience of the Groups.

Note as part of Intent: As a Group we are not dead set on 80%. We could support other numbers, but ask Groups to consider submitting a separate motion if other numbers are simply preferred (as opposed to being completely in opposition to your Group's conscience).

← MOTION 1 - NOT VOTING
MOTION 2 - REASON
MOTION 3 - NO

Motion 4 (requires representatives to submit motions in writing upon arrival)

#4

Motion #AF2

Motion

Require all Representatives to submit any motions upon arrival to the conference in writing. Motions must come from the Group(s) and must be put in writing by the Group(s) bringing the motion.

Intent

To ensure that motions are made by Groups and not conjured on the conference floor; to ensure that motions are submitted exactly as the Group(s) conscience them.

Motion 5 (to eliminate chair or chairperson title...) Tyrrell mentioned that they are in no way affiliated with NAWS and were unaware that NAWS also uses this title, so they are open to other words to use.

#5

Motion #AF3

Motion

To eliminate the “Chair” or “Chairperson” title from FSC and ASIS titles. We propose that all such positions be referred to as “Facilitator”. This would apply to any position using the title “chair”, including “co-chair” titles. This applies ONLY to the Fellowship Service Conference and ASIS committees or subcommittees directed by the Groups through the conference. This does not apply to the Groups or any services created by Groups that are not fellowship-wide (such as ASIS areas or regions Groups may choose to create).

Intent

To realign with our understanding of the Traditions as expressed in the Grey Book. Specifically, that we use titles which imply service rather than authority. This motion shall in no way be construed to indicate that service bodies bear the rights or responsibilities of the Groups. Because services are tools in the hands of “NA, as such”, it is incumbent upon the services which are created by and directly responsible to the Groups to use titles that do not imply authority over the Groups or that imply any individual is in authority over another.

This respects the authority with which the Groups are endowed by Tradition Two; the absolute autonomy of the Groups guaranteed by Tradition Four, as well as the responsibility of Groups to voluntarily consult in matters affecting other Groups or NA as a whole; and ensures we, as a service body, remain forever trusted servants, never effective leaders.

Motion 6 (to instruct FSC to take a poll every year of the literature used by each group)

6

Motion #AF4

Motion

To instruct the FSC to take a poll each year at the conference of the literature each Group uses. This would be accomplished by the Co-Chair sending out a request for a list of literature used by each Group with the minutes and motions each year. The information would be collected as part of the Group reports and thus the results of the poll would be included in the minutes. Groups are asked to specify which edition they are using in cases of literature with multiple editions (like original IPs vs revised IPs or editions of the Basic Text – Baby Blue, Third Revised, Second Edition, etc). This motion does not oblige any Group to report, it only obliges the conference to ask for and report the information.

Intent

Establish a literature reporting process that focuses on what Groups are using as opposed to a “majority rule” that does not account for the minority in determining literature for an entire Fellowship. This could be used in lieu of a formal conference process until such time as the Groups instruct the conference to establish one, and may prove to be a preferable method to a conference determining what is “Fellowship Approved” or “Conference Approved”. This does not remove the ability of the Groups to submit any piece of literature for “Conference Approval”, as is the current process. It simply gives voice to what each Group is using. This is intended to strengthen the principle of Home Group approval.

Chubs asks all GSRs to submit written motions to secretary

Alan has question about email list, are we creating something new?

Chubs no were just making sure we have all the emails

Alan is there anyone on this list who is not on radio free?

Chubs the floor is still open for any discussion on motions

Alan the first motion didn't have intent I'm concerned about that

Chubs that's a question for the GSR

Brian I didn't know that was required sorry

Alan no it's not required it just makes it easier for groups to understand

Bill it helps explain the reasoning, you have time to get that submitted so when it goes out it can have that intent in there. Go back to your group and then get it to Chubs and he will get it to secretary

Alan speaking of time do we have an approximate time when the minutes will be finalized and sent out?

Bill probably about a month

Chubs it usually isn't more than 3 months

Scott I can have it to Chubs and Nolie within a week

Robert I just don't understand the language of motion 3. One of the reasons that I never got involved with NAWS stuff is because the language is complicated. I understood the other motions, does it has to be in those terms... Could you read it again slowly?

Chubs could all the little side comments, and all the noise calm down and listen because the motion may cover the questions they are going to ask

Tyrell talks about how it sounds like maybe the voting brings a process in the past... we have it written in length like that so there is no confusion and we are on the same page, so later on there is a greater understanding and the floor isn't confusing in the future

Chubs restates what Tyrel said and asks Robert if he still wants it re read

Robert states he just wants the meetings read in lay man's terms

Chubs asks if it's okay that Robert and Tyrel get together after and discuss the motion

Robert asks, that we do this on the floor because maybe other people are confused too

Alan makes reference to yesterday and what happened in the voting process yesterday and wonders if the motion was made since then

Tyrell clarifies no it wasn't, that yesterday was an example of why we need this motion

Bill this is lengthy intent, but we are trying to establish I understand what they're saying; the problem was not yesterday the problem is that no one read the minutes. The problem was that information was all talk it was never put into motion. So I think that they put this on their so that if groups are confused it will get that information out in the open before we get to the conference. It will be formulated and settled in March right? For groups to be able to do that we need to get motions in by the deadline

Chubs if someone would like Tyrel to just go through the bullet points... what I'm getting from that is its pretty close to what we've been doing...

Tyrell so those no votes in the first year if they're not accompanied by a reason they will not hold up motions.

Chubs pretty much exactly like I thought we were going this as they were stated on last year's motions yesterday... and the confusion when we originally talked about this no votes holding things up it doesn't seem to make sense for a no vote to hold things up if there are no reasons.. I also know that this group is totally open to suggestion

Hank I think in situations like this I think you can go to less is more; I'm the same way because in situations like this I have to break things down. In songwriting it means don't bore us and get to the chorus.

Chubs it seems like what's happening is the group is trying to explain every point so there isn't confusion and is actually creating it in the process

Shawn a lot of this is suspicious when we get lengthy motions because of past experience; it makes us suspicious because of prior experience with other service structure.... So when it's too wordy I think there's something to hide so I'm looking for it word for word

Chubs this is good feedback because this particular group has never been a part of other structure

Hank holds up grey form traditions work book as an example of a motion from the other service structure

Eric when do we get into discussion for any of these motions because I have a few questions

Tyrell I have never really been under NAWS so it's good for me to hear your feedback thank you

Chubs floor right now is completely open for any discussion on motions. Let's focus on getting information to bring to your group

Remon yesterday motions came back from this year what will happen to them next year?

Chubs they will come back next year. The one group that has had a motion fail 2 years we may get in touch with that group to see if they want to reword or rescind, they don't have to do either.... There is one motion this year that is similar so maybe that group will be open minded to

Chris I heard chairperson and facilitator and I have a real problem with the google definition of that word facilitator

Tyrell I understand but the definition of that word doesn't imply any kind of power that's why we put it in there, as a home group we don't like the word chair. Basically the reason we chose that word without having any knowledge of any other service structure is because of the dictionary definition (reads definition) we are open minded to changing that word.

Chubs he read the dictionary that is on google, now other people are going to read different definitions from different places, Tyrell now understands that NAWS has used that word to imply authority in the past but it sounds like Tyrell is open minded to other words

Eric I need to clarify regarding this motion, you had said something about you guys changing to chair servant?

Tyrell the word chair implies in business to someone in great power so we wanted to go with something different

Chris I used Wikipedia... tomato or tomato. But I need to know what the intent is when I go back to my group

Chubs I'm going to give you a little bit of history we were reading the grey book and read the grey book and saw the word chairperson that was in reference to a position of authority... talk to the group about coming up with a new word. This whole thing came from the second tradition in the grey book

Brian reads another definition from a dictionary that mentions a facilitator helping to make things easier and bringing about an outcome, unobtrusive assistance.... Chairperson person in charge of meeting...reads definition for leader.

Chubs this group believes in the past this word has been used as a word of authority and this group is not comfortable with that

Hank our area the freedom area has no positions. When we show up for the day we select positions for that day so it totally removes positions. Chairperson is not a NAWA term it is a worldwide term. In any business platform on the planet there is a chairperson I don't have a problem with it. SO to go through a process like this to take away the word chairperson just doesn't make sense.

Pat (Sundance) I think a simple solution...this decision is based in fear... that this organization could become the monster it created. Maybe we need some kind of a service manual. The bottom line is that this service structure never becomes that multi headed pile of junk, that it never becomes something that rules censors decides or dictates. I know were trying to stay away from authority

Ernesto I really like to try and keep it simple when I chair, if I'm the facilitator it's just to keep the meeting going on the agenda and I'm not into all this point cross talk, I'm just up front to keep the agenda going until we finished the subject at hand

Bill the grey book traditions were never accepted into narcotic anonymous, what was accepted was in the approval form... the chair person has no control here the GSRs control the flow here. It is the responsibility of the GSR to hold the chair and co-chair accountable. This body has been set up so that this body has no control here. We should have some type of glossary written down to take care of any confusion. Bill talks about how service positions have worked in his home group.

Tyrell so probably being the one with the lowest clean time here and being involved in my area seeing how people talk in area and H+I and people implying things like I have the power in meetings I've been extremely frustrated with that. In my area there has been a big problem with that

Bill they are abiding by the concepts that have come from that corporation that has given those people that authority.

Brian does this have to be about that motion?

Chubs the discussion should be about any motion, I mean I can't control anyone...

Brian tells meeting time and location. Talks about how his group has experienced an array of bullshit and how right now it seems like it would be a real challenge to define narcotics anonymous today....

References meeting last night and tradition 10. Talks about how everybody cares what everybody thinks. Group was invited here by Bill. Talks about how groups were bothered by the name A.S.I.S.

Believes A.S.I.S isn't user friendly, the name. Right now there's a word being tossed about NA right now, it's called Pure. Pure is not mixed with anything else, purist is a person who has really strong ideas ... we

believe that this body has been attempting to try to do things the right way that NAWS the board and other members off doing self-will. When we put in the proposal about pure narcotics anonymous service we were inspired by Jim and something about Original Narcotics Anonymous Pure is a good word even in the madness.

Hank (interrupts) does this has anything to do with motions, were on a time limit here....

Brian yes, the first motion

Hank continue

Brian Believes new members can't remember alternative service structure...

Bill we asked you to go to your home group and write an intent and now your speaking into all these different areas. I asked you to go back to your home group and get an intent and get it to Chubs so it can go into minutes

Brian am I allowed to discuss or have an opinion on my own motion?

Chubs I'm going to speak some things, I agree with what Billy is saying here, I was trying to figure out how to address you without interrupting and show the proper respect. If you're not a GSR could you ask the GSR's to please come back in here...? I understand what you're saying your allowed to have opinions but were on a time strain here... It's not your motion it's your groups motion. When we come here and have this discussion it's not campaigning for the motion. Gives example. Were just bringing ideas to each other's groups.

Brian I apologize if I have taken too much time... thanks for feedback. What we're looking for is something pure and alternative to the medicated NAWS...Thinks signing paper is a tradition paper, we want to know what we're walking into...

Chubbs whether you agree or not, take these ideas back to your home group

Ernesto maybe we should have a stop watch for all of us

Chubs just so everyone knows we have one hour left

Hank G.B.S.A.-L.C needs 10 minutes to share info with this body

Herman is with group from Holland not here to vote just here to learn. We have to translate all of this stuff, I can translate the words but depending on how it's worded it may be challenging. I'll take this information back because we want to know what's going on. Sometimes I don't understand what's going on because sometimes it's too political. I want to be able to understand.

Chubs the answer to your question, is that the minutes are there as a tool, if you don't understand the motions contact the groups who made the motions. Many members will give you all the time you require. Part of the learning process is groups being more involved.

Eric sometimes has no idea what he's doing but has learned to trust god and sometimes it works out. Doesn't do everything right but he accepts that...talks about letting go and trusting God...

Chubs I want to give time for the lit committee to discuss what they need to...

Hank I really wish all the GSRs were in here... (Chubs and Scott leave to go get GSRs)

Hank I am not the current chair for the lit committee, Kevin is but I have all the paperwork to be addressed. Reads page 8 around line 21 from last year minutes. Explains what it means that he is an agent to these copyrights but they are owned by NA home groups. A name was necessary on the Copyright paperwork. In this case copyrights are already filed and what will be granted to the Anonymi foundation will be the rights to use and edit literature but material will never be allowed to be used for a profit. References point of action paper from minutes last year. Reads Letter of intent from G.B.S.A.-L.C. (paper attached) No body except groups can edit literature. Ownership belongs to home groups only. I hope this helps solves the confusion about approval. The group approves literature.

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Kevin Kaye x

Kevin Kaye

Chubs wants to clarify that the opening headers or anything that is quoting the grey book cannot be edited.

Hank anyone who tries to change the quotes from the grey book will be denied. Nothing from historic documents is to be changed, including misspelling or types. Hip pocket program not open for edit because the entirety of the document is 2 historic pieces of literature combined. The only change to the buff book is that lines have been added in under questions. The format of the book

Chubs to clarify nothing has been changed in the hip pocket book from the original historic documents not even the punctuation.

Hank the hip pocket program book, is not open for change it is not open for review; it is a combination of historic documents. Hank explains that the origin of the hip pocket program came from a group seeing the need for a small useful book for h+i. G.B.S.A.-L.S. would like to present these books traditions work book and hip pocket program over to the Anonymi foundation

Robert ask meditations book

Hank says meditations book isn't done yet, G.B.S.A.-L.S. Was instructed to get this book to the 3rd draft and then turn over to the Anonymi foundation.

Robert ask how to get a copy of the traditions book

Hank says ask bill we just turned it over to him (Kevin hold us a drive with the file on it)

Remon asks if Hip Pocket Book is copywriter because it is a combination of already written literature

Hank says no it is not copy written, it was already copy written, the agreement on the table states that this particular book (hip pocket program) may not be changed

Remon asked about hank mentioning approval earlier

Hank says he was just throwing out fellowship home group approved as an example of what we could do. What's important is that we are starting in the process of having literature protected by the Anonymi foundation.

Ernesto has question about stuff that's misspelled

Hank says only the direct quotes from the grey book because it is a historic document

Ernesto asks about translations, how people will translate misspelled words

Hank referenced martin from Holland

Martin says we will just translate it and misspell our own words (everyone laughs)

Hank shares that the hip pocket program is translated into Spanish

Roberto if home group has a piece of literature can it be copy written through Anonymi foundation?

Hank suggests that if a home group has a piece of literature, than have it copy written and then turn it over to the Anonymi foundation. Just from my personal experience, don't ever let anyone else copyright your stuff. One of the reason this fellowship is in a shit storm is because this fellowship did not do what needed to be done from the beginning, they entrusts their stuff to someone else.

Chubs- There was a lot of discussion on this last year. Your group can turn it over to the Anonymi Foundation. It will protect it.

Alan- Does stuff re-worked on need to be re copyrighted?

Hank- It is copyrighted as a work in progress. It can always be edited and fixed.

Chubs- We need to elect officers. We need to get out in time.

Hank- This does not meant that the groups have to use this literature. Does not mean that it us ASIS approved literature.

Chubs- We need to elect officers.

Chair- nomination for Chubs. Seconded. No other nominations. Affirmed

Co-Chair- Co-Chair reads over minutes and makes sure that everything is there. Correcting them and typos are not. Sends out the minutes and motions to the groups.

Eric has been nominated. Seconded.

Chubs- Eric are you willing? Yes. Does anyone have any questions for Eric?

Eric is affirmed as Co-Chair.

Any nominations for Secretary?

Nolie has been nominated. Seconded. Affirmed.

Scott will be Alt- Secretary.

Roberto nominates Alan as web servant

Alan declines he has already served for two years

Bill nominated Herman

Herman says he is willing he made a website for their area in Holland

Hank and Scott check out the website Hermon made

Hank and Scott second nomination

Hermon says he is willing to communicate with other members about being web servant.

Hank motion to close

Kevin second

Close with a prayer 11:43