#### FSC 2023 Minutes

#### Friday June 23, 2023 8:00 PM

Elected servants at start of conference:

Chair- Eric D.
Co-chair- Erik F.
Secretary- Linda
Co-secretary- Matte
Anonymi Agent- Bill.A
Literature Coordinator -Bill. A
Literature Co-coordinator- Frank V.
Literature Secretary -Megan K.
Literature co-secretary- Kate
Web servant- Hermen

Opened with a moment of silence followed by serenity prayer.

Read The Twelve Traditions of NA

Welcome and greeting from the chairperson/ chairperson reminds everyone that any new proposals from Groups need to be turned in.

Are there any new proposals from Groups?

Historical Perspectives Group has 6 new proposals.

#### **Proposals Historical Perspective Group of NA FSC 2023**

1. Approve Personal Responsibility Booklet

Intent: Personal Responsibility has gone through the FLC and has been in curriculum for years. It has been translated into other languages. and it is openly being used by many Worldwide Groups. SO, we feel it is time to approve it as NA Approved Literature

2. Approve the Home Group Booklet Intent: has gone through the FLC and has been in the curriculum for years. It has been translated into other languages. and it is openly being used by many

Worldwide Groups. SO, we feel it is time to approve it as NA Approved Literature

- 3. To legalize the Anonymi foundation as a Foundation with the federal Government Intent: To officially have standing to protect our copyrights, and have legal standing in the federal courts as the Agent for the Anonymi
- 4. To Expand the Anonymi Foundation to add 3 Board Members to oversee the Anonymi agent.

Intent: to hold the Anonymi Foundation agent accountable for the fellowship to add a direct communication with the NA Groups that members Groups of the FSC and EFSC

- 5. That the Anonymi Foundation hold copyrights, logo and holds history archive for the NA Groups to made available for the NA Home Groups Intent: To be able to hold anyone accountable outside of the NA Fellowship from using are Logos
- 6. That the Anonymi Foundation creates a digital webpage for historical documents to be made available to the NA Home Groups, to hold these documents to protect these documents.

Intent: To make sure are Historical Documents are never lost and ownership lies with the NA Home Groups belonging the FSC and EFSC and future FSC expanded worldwide

Copies of last year's minutes are passed out to those who want them.

Introductions

Information about facility

Information about agenda for the conference

Bill explains how motions and proposals work

# **Group Reports**

Tyrone- The War Is Over! Group of NA

# The War Is Over! Group of NA Group Report

It has been a year of growth for The War is Over! Group of NA. We currently have eight active Home Group Members and are averaging 11 addicts per meeting. We meet regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 244 Ash Ave. for closed Narcotics Anonymous meetings as well as meeting on zoom at 9PM on Wednesdays.

We feel our atmosphere of recovery has matured a bit as our Group has grown in unity. We have been attracting newcomers to NA's unadulterated message of complete and total abstinence from all mood changing substances and mind-altering chemicals.

This last year our Group celebrated 3 years since its founding and celebrated two Member's with 4 years, one Member with 3 years, one Member with 2 years, and two Members with 1 year clean. We also have two Members approaching 1-year milestones. Since we have been celebrating Members' clean time, we implemented speaker meetings where the addict who is celebrating speaks.

Our Group maintains a monthly Group Conscience inventory meeting on the last Monday of each month and also has plans to start a monthly open Public Information meeting. We also have a PI bike that we plan to utilize to reach addicts on the streets.

One of the greatest things we have to share is that the message is attracting other addicts to the point of a new Group and 3 new meetings have formed that read the Gray Book. We have been working with these addicts and have been supporting each other in keeping our message pure and our atmosphere of recovery intact. We have big hopes for the future of our Group's and hope that this year proves as fruitful as the last.

We are excited to be here at the FSC for the fourth year in a row!

In Loving Service,

THE WAR IS OVER! GROUP OF NA

#### Daniel- Grateful Wakeup Group of NA

Greetings from the GWU Group in Norfolk NE. Currently we have 3 HG members. 2 online and one physical. Few addicts have shown up at physical meetings, but we have had a former member move back to Norfolk so that hopefully we can start having some

consistency at the physical meetings. We have given out over 2000 books this last year. It is a gift to be able to give to suffering addicts and have literature available for them. We worked on the GBR each Tuesday except where there were only a few addicts, so we switched to a regular Gray Book meeting. We do have a Group Conscience brought with us and have an addict that will be sharing it. We did have a speaker meeting this year online. We continue to do PI hoping that addicts will see it and come to the meetings. Thank you to all that have supported the GWU Group this last year.

In loving service,

Fric D

**Ray- Recovery First Group** 

# Recovery First Group of NA Report 6 23 2023

We have around 3-people in attendance weekly

We study the Baby Blue step a meeting. We are going through growing pains because of our message of Total Abstinence from all mood changing substances and mindaltering chemicals. We had around 6 -8 people in attendance before the outside influence's rebellion because of our stance.

However, we will not change our stance, it is our message being consistent with our Book message.

We will keep the message alive and free. Our Group is 44 years old and will survive this attack from outside influences that are fighting for their right to use.

In Loving Service

Recovery First Group of NA

#### Marvin- NA Miracles Group Kenton, OH

We have two meetings each week averaging three or four addicts. Friday at 7, closed meeting that is reading the Third Edition Revised (with original fourth and ninth traditions). Sundays at 7 is an open meeting reading the Gray Book Reflections, located at 209 E Carrol St Kenton, OH 43326.

In Loving Service,

Group Service Representative

#### Marvin B

#### Shawn- A Different Look Group of NA

A Different Look Group report. This is a Closed, Literature Study Meeting - For Addicts Only. We meet on Saturday at Trinity Oxford Church, 603 Longshore Ave, Phila., PA 19111 from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. We continue to run a hybrid meeting as people continue to show up and we have a remote homegroup member https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87602409459. We are also on the regional meeting list. NAworks.org. Attendance is down post COVID, averaging 4 addicts per week.

In loving service, A Different Look Group

#### **Ron- The Miracle Group of Venlo**

FSC June 23th thru June 25th, 2023

Venlo, may 17th

#### Homegroup

The Miracle group Venlo was founded in April 2020 and currently consists of eleven group members. We are an NA group in the south of the Netherlands and follow the twelve steps and twelve traditions of NA and we are engaged in spreading the message. Last year we went through some difficulties as a group when some active members left the group and left NA. We were with six members during the 2022 EFSC. It was a difficult time as a group because few visitors came to the meeting. We learned a lot from this and somewhere it gave us room to grow as a close-knit group.

A year later, we have grown in members with everyone having a commitment to the group. We are a healthy and enthusiastic group and have several service positions in our group and they are consistently performed. Should someone not be present the responsibility is taken to transfer the service position to another Home Group member. New members are included to actively participate. Our group members also regularly visit other groups in the Netherlands with great enthusiasm and we also have close contact with them. We see that in the past year a number of newcomers have come in who have also continued to come back to the meetings and have finally joined the Home Group.

The Miracle group was able to kick off last November by hosting the first group learning day in the Netherlands. The members experienced this as a beautiful and

instructive opportunity to serve the Fellowship. The reason for this was the EFSC-2022, where developing an area among the groups in the Netherlands was one of the main points. Several group learning days have since followed. In July this year, the Unity group in Roermond is organizing a new group learning day at which the Miracle group will support.

#### The meetings

Our group holds two meetings each week, one on Monday nights and one on Thursday nights. On Mondays we read from the Grey Book and on Thursdays we read from It works how and why '85. There is a pleasant atmosphere of recovery at both our Monday and Thursday meetings. We get good feedback from visitors that the pure message of recovery is shared and that it is a safe environment. Because of this atmosphere in the group and the clear message being communicated, we also see that clean times are increasing within group members and visitors and addicts can get clean. Last year, as a group, we started holding speaker meetings where we ask

homegrown members to share their experience, strength and hope at the meeting after achieving a certain clean time. A number of NA members outside the group have also spoken at our meeting. This often attracts many members and visitors and makes for great meetings.

#### Niek- Original NA Hengelo Group NL GroupReport (FSC 2023)

Our HomeGroup currently consists of 6 committed HomeGroupMembers (Lindsey, Leon, Sharon, Bart, Erik and Remon).

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We also have a couple of ServiceMembers (mainly EnschedeGroup and ZwolleGroup; Nies, Joel, Marieke, Marcel and Hermen) for support and service at our Meetings.

At our Meetings we have different visitors from other Meetings/Groups visiting quite regularly. The attendance from local SafeHouse has declined and fluctuates a lot.

We host our meetings in Hengelo on Tuesday (BabyBlueStudy/TraditionsStudy), Saturday afternoon (BabyBlueStudy) and Sunday morning (GreyBookStudy). Also one meeting (GreyBookStudy) is hosted in Enschede by our Group.

Our Meetings carry a strong message of NA recovery/Total Abstinence and the Atmosphere of Recovery is felt in the Meetings.

In the HomeGroup itself there have been, and will probably always be, growing pains, struggles and issues due to personalities, etc. And we need to keep vigilant and mindful

that we keep upholding our Traditions and invite God in and not let our personalities and/or the disease run rampant.

Last year was a good year and we were productive as a Group. We have had GrowingPains in our Group and also in regards to other Groups / Area development of course as said before.

We have started with structural PI at a local detox & treatment facility (we go there every 6/7 weeks). And we are getting more experienced in this area. Also on different occasions members of our Group participated in PI efforts with other Groups and/or on different locations. Other PI efforts include: PI Bike and putting up Poster and Pamphlets. Every Sunday our PI committee meets prior to the meeting. And we fund/host a ZoomSlot currently used by the Thailand Koh Samui Group for online-meetings (see NAhelp.org for details).

Our HomeGroup recently hosted a Group-LearningWeekend with 40+ addicts attending over the weekend and that was a success. Lots of good questions, topics and input from the Groups in NL and members in regards to getting our Area started. And next year and next year EFSC in Delden KroezeDanne will be hosted by Hengelo (and support/service from members from all over the Netherlands).

Our Group is financially healthy. We have our literature tables stacked. We donate funds to the different Websites (NAhelp.nl, NAhelp.Org and RFNA), The National InfoLine (PhoneLine), and support other Groups in and outside our Structure with Literature in NL and across the Globe when need is there/support is asked for.

#### **Bryan H- Alive and Free Group**

My Home Group is the Alive and Free Group and we are part of the Unity Area, which at one time we discussed the whole area joining ASIS and stuff. Through and after the scamdemic our area lost half our Groups. Our Area had eight Home Groups and then it went down to four. So as far as members and visitors in our area that got cut in half. Now we're down to three. We lost another Home Group so, I'm glad to hear Groups are growing. It's just that's not been our story. I'm from Kentucky and for some of you that don't know they've got some new package deals for M.A.T. they've got some government deals where they'll let you out of jail early, twist your arm all this stuff and for them to come to NA and tell them they're not clean..so they're hitting church stuff, they say they're doing zoom or maybe they're doing zoom or maybe they're whiteknuckling or maybe they're hanging out with their doctor, I don't know what they're doing, but they're not coming around you know. We get some people coming and going but it's not easy. At one point last year I would have told you we had twenty, twenty-five, thirty people. It can go from twenty people one week to two back to fifteen. We don't know what's coming. A lot of times we don't even make the coffee until we see what's coming in the door. That way we don't waste coffee. Our Home Group starts at 6:30 and

ends at 8. If I drink a pot of coffee at 6:30 I'm not going to sleep until two days later. We give away baby blues, we study the gray book. Every blue moon we'll study the baby blue just for something different. We'll read a paragraph, open up the floor so everyone can share one time if they want. You don't have to share but you can share one time, no time limit. And then after that we'll read another paragraph and then all share again. If you're a person like me and like to share it's a good Group to come check out because you get to share more than once if we all like. We give out dog tags instead of the plastic jobs. Seventy-five cent jobs. We thought about doing a sexy candle-light meeting. You know so you can blow a kiss at somebody in the dark. But we are trying to figure out if we pass a flashlight or phone around to read. You know it's hard to do literature study with candle light. Some of us make fun of candle light meetings. We're willing to do anything right now, have nude meetings or anything to try to get some people in there. The meeting place is brand new, you hit this button and these things come down over the windows. The room holds 100. It's really nice. There's a water filter thing you've got filtered water. I go to Kroger to try to get some drinks that are marked down. We get domino sugar and coffee mate creamer. They like the coffee but they don't like it when we try to hand them that white tag. If you're using, you're the most important person in the meeting but we're not going to let you be treasurer. If you want a Gray Book you know because we'll give the Baby Blue away. It's already got free on it, we're locked in on that. So if you really, really want a Gray Book we'll let you slide out with one. As a matter of fact I'll take a Baby Blue and put in a Gray Book like a book mark. That's all I really read right now, that's what we're working with. We're not really getting too far off base or nothing like that. We are hosting Cleanstock 2 Memorial Day weekend.

#### **Bill- Historical Perspectives Group**

Historical Perspective Group of NA Report 6 23 2023

We have around 3-6 people in attendance weekly

We study the Grey Book three pages a meeting. We are going through growing pains because of our message of Total Abstinence from all mood changing substances and mind-altering chemicals. We were having over twenty people regularly and then we had outside influences rebellion because of our stance.

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Historical Perspective Group Of NA

#### Mickey- Gray Book Step Study of Maysville, NJ

Our Group is a non-member participating Group. We are Gray Book Step Study Meeting of Maysville, NJ. Our members are attending the FSC as non-FSC members. We are promoting Fellowship unity between all Groups who use NA-alternative literature. The NA Gray Book Step Study Group is an active participating NA Group in the Cape Atlantic Service Conference, the New Jersey Regional Service Conference, and the Northeast Zonal Forum. We are listed on both the Cape Atlantic and the New Jersey Statewide meeting directories and websites as the Gray Book Step Study Group. Our Home Group members actively participate as elected trusted servants at both Area, Regional and New Jersey Statewide levels. The Gray Book Step Study Group of NA has petitioned NA World Service Boards and Committees regarding actions taken against NA Groups that use non-NAWS literature. We've submitted several issue papers and responses related to the 2023 World Service Conference motions related to NA literature. The response from the WSC was limited to non-existent. I have addressed the board members on these issues several times.

#### Hermen- A Way Out Group NL

# **Group Report E.F.S.C. 2023**

A Way Out Group – Narcotics Anonymous in Zwolle & Emmen (Key to Recovery Group)

We have 4 meetings in Zwolle and 1 in Emmen.

#### **Meetings Zwolle:**

- Monday: Literature study Grey Book
- Tuesday: Literature study A Step out of the Dutch translation of the Baby Blue
- Friday: Literature Study Grey Book Reflection, Tradition or a Chapter from the Baby Blue or a Speaker Meeting.
- Sunday: Literature Study Information Pamphlet. Two times a month after the meeting we meet to talk about our efforts in Public Information.

In February we moved to a new location, because of the many parties and noise at the old location. It was somehow strange to say goodbye to the old meeting because we held our meetings there for so many years. But we can now hold our meeting in peace, so that's an improvement. We have free parking in front of the building.

The number of people at the meeting varies from day to day. On average there are between 4 and 12 people at a meeting. We see a small decline in attendance since we moved from our old location, and we do not have that many newcomers at our meetings in Zwolle. We talk about this in our Group Inventory how we can get more newcomers to our meetings. We do give quarterly presentations at the treatment facility we rent our meeting room from.

On Sundays we often get together to talk about our PI efforts. We have made a small format for that to keep asking ourselves the questions that we need to ask ourselves. Like, when are we putting up posters, what organizations can we reach out to again, what questions did we get from them, and what new ideas do we have for our PI efforts.

We have free literature available for everyone coming to a meeting, in Dutch and English. And our meetings can be found on <a href="www.nahelp.nl">www.nahelp.nl</a>. In May we hosted as a group a translation weekend and we went over the translation of the Baby Blue for the last time. So there's now an approval form and we are very excited about this. And we are now discussing hosting a weekend this year to go over the Informational Pamphlets and Booklets we already translated in the past.

# **Group Report E.F.S.C. 2023**

Key to Recovery Group - Part of the A Way Out Group conscience

#### **Meeting Emmen:**

• Wednesday: Literature study - Grey Book

Members of the group are thinking about starting a second meeting in Emmen. We now have weekly meetings on Wednesdays and an average of 4 to 10 people sit here. We have had a number of newcomers in the past year, who still come from time to time. Yet most do not keep coming back for long. So we believe a second meeting can help, that way newcomers in Emmen can attend more meetings per week without the need to travel far. We have had contact with the old location we started in 2 years ago, and they already told us we can use their room again for 2 meetings a week. So we are now in the process of talking about what days we will meet in Emmen and Zwolle.

From Zwolle a dedicated group drives to Emmen every Wednesday with at least 2 people to make sure people attend the meeting.

In Emmen last year we put up posters in the city at stores, supermarkets and organizations. We also put up flyers at an addiction clinic from which new people occasionally visit. And we also gave a presentation at a jail. We talked to 2 professionals there, and right now we are waiting for what is possible for us to do there. For now they have our literature at the library. But we also discussed building a 1 page Web Page where inmates can go to, to find information about Narcotics Anonymous and how to find us. If this is possible, this site will get on a "white list", that means it is accessible from jails all around The Netherlands. So we hope this will be possible.

Grateful to report this to the FSC, and we hope to see and hear from you at the EFSC in september.

#### Dima- NA Group "Osnova", Russia.

Basic Text 2 translated, reviewed, approved (2021-2022),

March 30/2023 went to the printing House, about three weeks will be done. Soft cover, the cost for one book was 124 P/1.6\$, ordered 50 books.

From 15 to 21 April, start printing.

Dreams come true. Many addicts responded and helped to collect the necessary amount. The idea of the free basic text has very affected them. Drug addicts are interested in some episodes of the history of the basic text. It was very sudden so fast to collect the necessary amount. It took less than 24 hours and we collected even a little more. We wait with excitement for our books. It's our first experience. We will definitely take this historic moment and share it. Our literature table will be replenished, we will give this newcomer, and also anyone who can free take this book or order by mail. Addendum to report:

- 1 book were transferred to the combat area
- 2 books were sent to the Rostov region
- 1 the book was sent to the Kursk region
- 3 books have been sent to the city of Domodedovo
- 1 the book was sent to the Tula region
- 2 books were transferred to the city of Naro-Fominsk
- 5 books were transferred to the city of Moscow

1 the book went to the city of the Forest town

In loving service.

Conference chair makes clear to anyone new that the conference does not have a treasurer position and does not handle money. The Historical Perspective Group sponsors the event and deals with the facility so all the registrations and fees for the facility and food goes through that Group.

Brian H also announces that there will be a donation can on the table for anyone who wants to donate more to cover the costs of the conference.

Closing Statements @ 10:03 PM

**Day 2** Start at 9:21

Open with moment of silence and serenity prayer

Chairperson opening statements

# Remaining Group Reports

#### Daniel- Hope Group from Columbus, Nebraska

ASIS June 2023 Conference Report from Hope Group Nebraska USA

The Hope group primarily is about getting NA literature freely wherever it may be needed. We stopped keeping track of the amount of basic texts we have given out all over the World. We are blessed to support the NA book Drive CA that gives out books in Africa and to poorer Countries. It has helped all our recoveries to give when asked.

We were Blessed to get Bo's permission to reformat the History of the Basic Text document so it is easier and more practical to print and give freely. Eric D. has been so helpful with printing and keeping the PDF for those that need it. This document smooth's over NA division related to free literature. Anyone that reads the History of the basic text can't deny that our own NA basic text was written for free for us by more than 1200 fellow addicts. Also it was written with addict's blood from Lincoln NE and should be given out for free to give hope and save lives.

We donated 100\$ recently to ASIS to help with the computer stuff. Also we are so grateful to ASIS for getting Greys for an economical practical price and we so much appreciate our Trucker brother that will help get them out of Dear old PA

All our Love from the Poor part of town.. Paul H. Hope Group

#### Forgot to read the Twelve Traditions so they were read

#### **Announcements**

Ray- announced issues dealing with taking good care of the facility.

Brian- announces that there will be a cup on the table for donations to help pay for the event if anyone feels it in their hearts to give a little extra.

#### **Reports Continue**

# Bas- Take It Easy Group in Rotterdam Group report Rotterdam

Approximately 7 - 8 steady members. We notice just a few people / newcomers at the meeting. Since a short time there is more structure / consistency in the group. Steady service positions have been appointed and are being taken / interchanged by all members.

We are looking for contact / support with other meetings but because of the distance that is difficult.

We are asking for help with organizing the meetings and carrying the message in Rotterdam.

Because of lack of experience we find it hard to sustain the meeting / keep the meeting alive !!

Very few newcomers !!

We are asking for help and support in matters of public information.

#### **Petter- Antigen Fria Group**

GROUP REPORT FSC 2023 Äntligen Fria Sweden (Delsbo-Hudiksvall-Iggesund-Ljusdal)

Status: Celebrated 6 years as a Group the 17:th of May

Meetings: Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday Thursday - Friday - Sunday . Closed meetings.

Four different locations. No announced ending. (Sunday's).

Literature studies. Literature topic meetings.

We stand for total abstinence and announce this in every format. Grey Book meetings in Swedish Tuesday - Wednesday-Friday (reading the Swedish translation/interpretation of the Grey Book). Regular speaker meetings..All of our meetings, except Fridays, are hosted on Zoom as well as in physical form, so called "hybrid" meetings.

Not that many newcomers, some visitors. Attendance: 1-16 addicts. 3 committed members (4 partially committed members).

PI/H&I efforts

Website - Stickers.

Free literature.

Group helpline.

Service posts

GSR.

Treasurer.

Vice treasurer

Secretary/website coordinator

We have guidelines for service in the Group. We have a combined Group conscience and Group inventory meeting once a month.

Ongoing literature projects: Translation Baby Blue every Sunday meeting (second run through). Reading the translation of the Grey Book (three meetings per week).

Difficulties: To reach and attract newcomers. To get more members involved in Group service.

Upcoming services: Meetings. Do more Pl.

#### Alan F- A Different Look Group

Hey how it's going is this group report in Different Look Group report. This is a Closed, Literature Study Meeting - For Addicts Only. We meet on Saturday at Trinity Oxford Church, 603 Longshore Ave, Phila., PA 19111 from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. We continue to run a hybrid meeting as people continue to show up and we have a remote homegroup member

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87602409459. We are also on the regional meeting list. NAworks.org. Attendance is down post COVID, averaging 4 addicts per week.

In loving service, A Different Look Group

More Group Reports to come so to be continued...

# Secretary's Report

Chairperson explains the process of approving the minutes

Bill makes a motion to approve the minutes from 2022.

Mike seconds motion

None in opposition

Linda- maybe we should explain the process so everyone knows how they are approved.

Eric- The minutes are never approved until the conference the next year. We make sure that everybody is aware that the minutes are out. The minutes go out to the members if you put your email we can make sure you get them. If you ever do not get the minutes after a while please reach out. We are at the conference now so basically this is where, unless anyone has any issues..

Bill- If you go to our webpage nahelp.org. You go to FSC, the minutes are there. The minutes are put there when they are done and you can download them and review them before you get here okay? The reason the minutes only go back to 2014, that year they were given to our friend in Chicago and she misplaced them. All our minutes disappeared from 2006 on because she wanted them. She was the secretary and lost them all. I have them on my old computer and can't get started and they're in there but I can't get into them.

# Meeting List Report

Matte- The meeting list, we basically had to start over because I spent several months since the last conference contacting Groups from the meeting list that's on the website right now. There were a lot of Groups where there wasn't contact information so I had to look up the buildings where the meetings were held, leave messages and wait for them to get back to me to get information about the meetings. I did get most of the information of what meetings are still there and what aren't and we loaded them into the database for the new meeting list and somehow, we lost it. We didn't have the information backed up so I'm in the process of getting it up and running now but we

have to enter the information in. So, over the next couple of months I'm going to try to get all the information in there and that's all I have at this point.

Hermen- So right now we still have this meeting list on the site. It's just a PDF but we are working on a new one. We were working on it and couldn't get it to show on the website, something in the back end was wrong so we had to go in through all that and reinstall that again but now it is working so we have to go through and put all the information in so it's still a working process.

Matte- I want to add there is also an online meeting list that I have been updating every few months. So, the one that is up right now is up to date. If anyone is interested in going to online meetings those are the ones that we have on our meeting list.

Eric- As Groups please make sure that if anything changes for the meeting list come up please let us know because that is the responsibility of the Groups.

Bill makes a motion to approve the meeting list report

Shawn seconds

No opposition

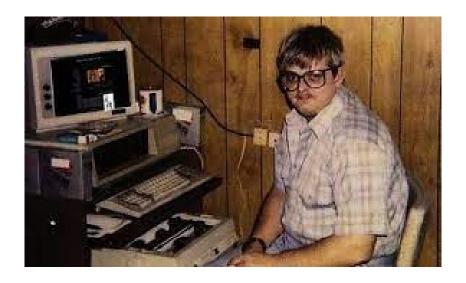
Ten minute break at 10:00 AM

**Chairperson opening remarks** 

Web Report Hermen

## **WEB REPORT**

**Fellowship Service Conference 2023** 



#### **BIGGEST UPDATES THIS YEAR:**

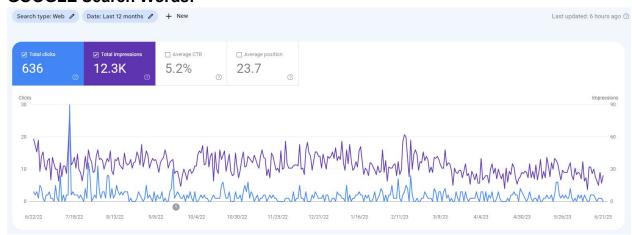
- 1. We (Matte & Hermen) are working on a new meeting list. For this we use the BMLT plugin. It has given us some trouble in the past year to get it to work. At one time we almost had all the meetings added in the backend database, but we were unable to show them on the site. We put some time in to redo a whole lot, and we managed to get it to work now. So now we are in the process of putting in all the meeting information.
- 2. 12 Traditions From the Grey Book in Farsi added to the webpage.

Following are some updates on our Funds, webpage Statistics and some information on the new Meetinglist.

#### **STATISTICS**

When we transferred to Bluehost we immediately set up Google Analytics and also Visitor Statistic Plugins in Wordpress. Here are the statistics from the past 12 months.

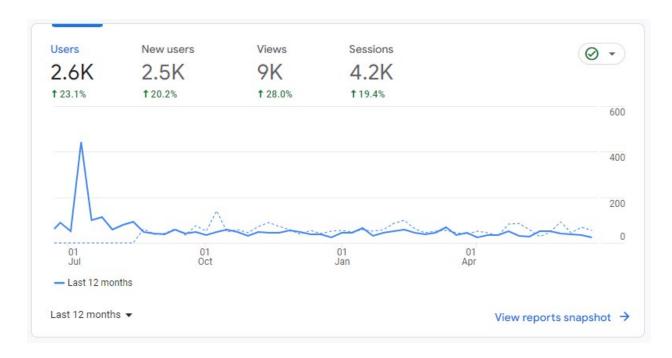
#### **GOOGLE Search Words:**



# 12.3k impressions. 636 actual clicks.

#### What words people find us with:

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nahelp					86	852
na help					19	553
voorleeskaarten na					4	72
grey book narcotics ano	nymous				3	75
na gray book					3	58
tar hollow na retreat 202	3				2	43
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In Google Analytics, the term "Users" is the total number of visitors to your site, while a new user is someone who has visited your online store for the first time

What are Pageviews and Sessions? Pageviews are metrics in Google Analytics that refer to when a user loads a webpage on a site and sessions (also from Google Analytics) consists of every action they take during the entirety of their visit to that site.

## Visitors by country:

	Country ▼ +	↓ Users	New users	Engaged sessions
		<b>2,567</b> 100% of total	<b>2,503</b> 100% of total	<b>2,303</b> 100% of total
1	United States	1,091	1,058	977
2	Iran	464	440	437
3	Netherlands	462	443	412
4	Germany	95	84	134
5	China	89	88	2
6	Sweden	81	79	66
7	United Kingdom	79	75	68
8	Russia	52	48	34
9	Canada	35	34	35
10	France	16	16	11

### Regions where the visitors come from:

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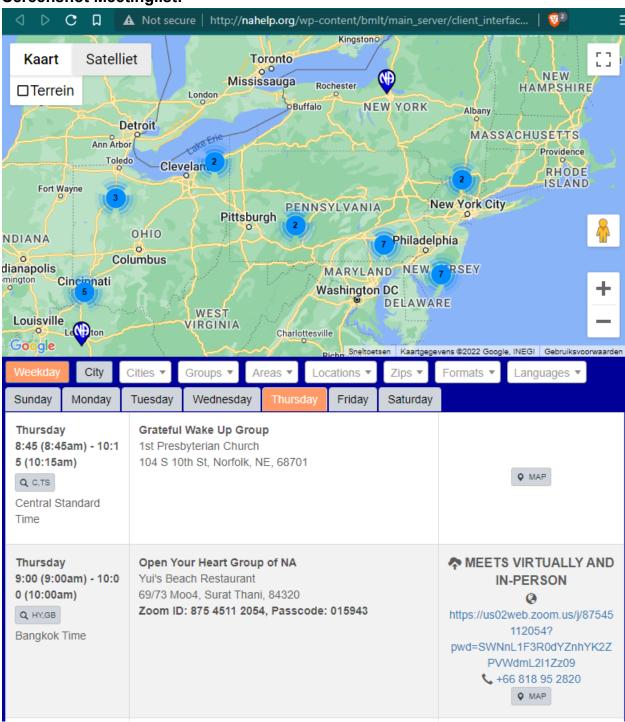
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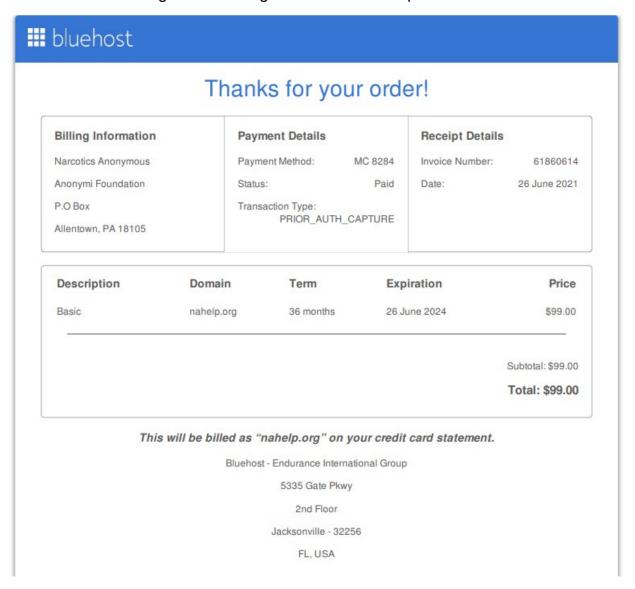


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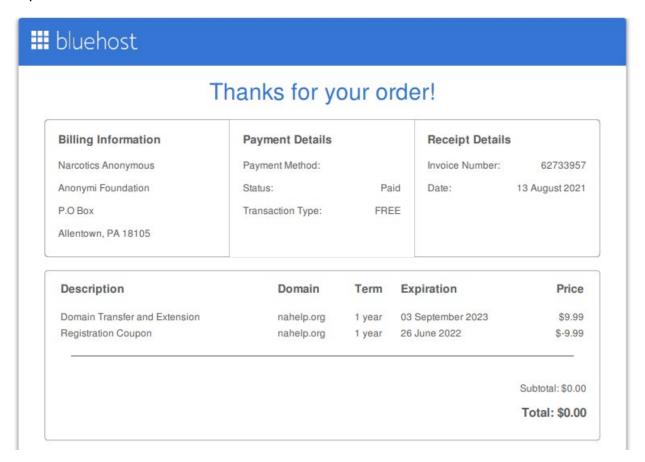


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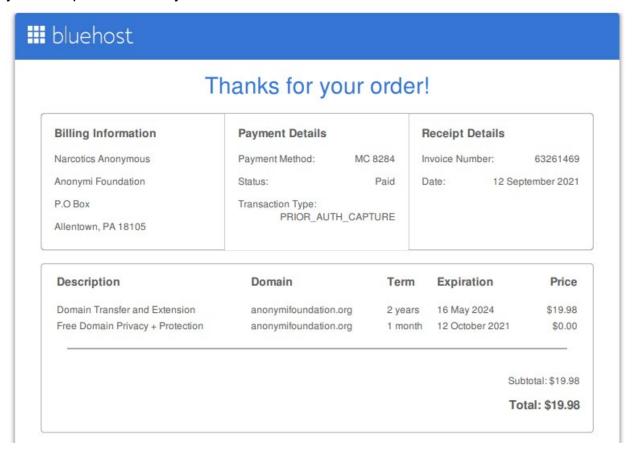
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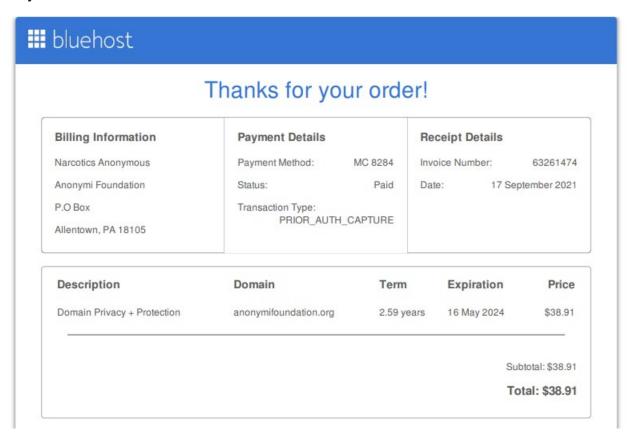
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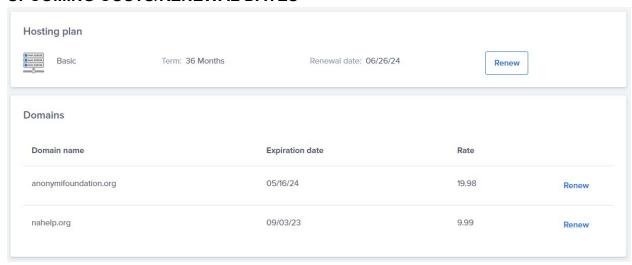
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17 September 2022: Domain Privacy + Protection anonymifoundation.org. Expiration 16 may 2024.



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Hosting plan: 06/26/2024

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Web servants - Hermen T. & Matte B.

Bill- makes a motion to approve Hermen's web report

Mike- seconds motion

No objections

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# Group Report's continued

#### Arash (Iran Fellowship)

We are doing as we did in the years gone. The Fellowship continues and unfortunately the outside enterprise they are coming and selling their products in our meeting rooms but there a few people hearing our message in our fellowship. It is important to deliver them this message that we don't need all these books. That the only book we need is the white booklet. Maximum thing is the basic text is enough for our Fellowship. But you know it's the seed that will be in the future show us. The addicts in the future the more addicts that come to us that will understand the meaning of Narcotics Anonymous and need the bureaucracy. We don't need the big shots. We don't need the books. But, it takes time and I, myself, am very happy that I have found you guys and that I have found the real Narcotics Anonymous. By the way I believe that the Fellowship in Iran is a great Fellowship but has some problems. Some people coming from the outside and give us the non written by addicts books and trying to confuse addicts to get their financial aid but slowly but surely we are doing our job and I can tell you that it takes time in our region that some people can't understand why we say the Fellowship is different of the fate of world services. It takes time and I hope the fellowship they can understand that I did a lot and I do if I stay alive. Nothing can stop me at all but you know the problem is some people want to continue as they think the fellowship is working and they can justify it somehow. They think that if the Fellowship works this way until this time then it will be good in the future. In my perspective we need evolution, we need some kind of revolution but they don't think we can continue this way. I am now again alone in this country, and everybody disappeared again. They do the way they like but I am not involved with their services, to follow the rules that they understand, but I don't think that is a good way to carry the message. A high level of relapse over here because we do not follow the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous' spiritual principles. We bring something from outside, inside and when the newcomers are coming and we give them the fake books that is not ours, we give them the personal opinions then we confuse them. Instead of giving them the right information and confused information they go, they disappear. Few people stay in the fellowship because they don't see the therapeutic value of one addict helping another that is not replaced by anything. That's the problem I have been happening now. You know, the big explosion happened last year here and then we showed them that the Fellowship can work without the help of any other outside organization and I will let the future tell us what will happen in our Fellowship. I'm asking God to help me with this issue. That's all I have for now but I am so happy that you guys are helping me realize the reality of Narcotics Anonymous. You have helped save my life and that is enough. I will devote the rest of my life to carry the message to at least one man or woman.

Bill- can you tell me if you are doing any more translations of the Gray Book?

Arash- Yes, actually I translated the Twelve Traditions of the Gray Book and have given them away to everyone here but what I need in the future is a website that I can do it in Farsi and do it in our site somewhere where our fellowship can use it. I cannot do it alone. Being alone in the service somehow it's difficult and somehow it's suffering but it's good because words cannot explain how deep the service is. The Higher Power is working on them. The experience of the Twelve Traditions translations to farci was a good thing. The thing is we need to inform more people about that and it takes time that some other people can join us. These people think that they are living the Twelve Traditions and they think that what they have learned about the Twelve Traditions in the years gone, that is enough. They don't know the information. They think that they know everything. But I will continue to translate the Twelve Steps and maybe I can carry the message to one other recovering addict.

# **Anonymi Foundation Report**

This year has been a year of research on the legalization of the Anonymi Foundation.

Did research on the Foundation to find the papers. It has never been set up as a foundation in the legal forum.

The Copyright office questioned me on the foundation and wanted the documents of the Anonymi Foundation before they would approve our copyrights. We have four pieces of Literature that are waiting for approval once they receive the Anonymi Foundation Legal entity papers.

We did not have any questions from Groups concerning legal issues.

We were not attending any literature conferences; no Groups hosted any FLC (Fellowship Literature Conference)

Seeking direction on how to handle setting up the Anonymi Foundation as a legal Foundation so we have standing to be able to copyright literature for the groups, also to have legal standing with the Trademark and logo office.

We also need to Legal Standing to enforce Copyrights, Trademarks and Logo in court if we need to protect our property (Copyrights, Trademarks and Logo)

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Anonymi Foundation Agent

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Literature Copyrights paid for by Groups for copyright, waiting on copyright to approve our copyrights on these IP's

- 1. Total Abstinence IP
- 2. The 5 Tools of Recovery IP
- 3. We're Not Doctors IP
- 4. A View of NA Group Conscience

Bill- They are protected at this moment, however I don't have legal standing to enforce it because we are not a legal entity and that's the problem. If you look at the proposals from our Home Group we have 4 motions concerning the foundation itself. So take really good heed to that because this is something that we need to get done. We have to get legal standing, we have to set it up as a foundation, as a foundation we would need to have a board, we only need 3 people for the board according to legal standing. It has it in the proposal that we would need at least 3 people for a board for next year on that issue. However, that would be a whole year without having a foundation until the Groups approve it. A legal entity. I'm going to go through everything. I will have a report out to the Groups in the next month on what it takes to set up the foundation costs, things like that. There will be costs for filings. At this point I am the foundation agent elected by this conference. I'm going to go through all that with the copyright office and the trademark and logo office because they are two separate offices because you have to file for your copyrighted material and then you have to file for your logos to protect them and things like that. I did research and the last person that has passed he said it was set up and it was never set up. We got the paperwork originally put together for that it was supposed to be an LLC and it was never set up as an LLC. There's no paperwork out there on that. I wouldn't have known that if the copyright office hadn't contacted me about our copyrights and wanted the documentation. They need that for me to have legal standing as your agent.

Mike- So what do you need a motion to pass this?

Bill- Our Group has four proposals already concerning these issues. That is going to go out to the Groups, however, for the next year we are going to be operating the same way we've been operating and I need people to understand that. I can't take any actions until the Groups direct me to take that action and that concerned me when I got contacted by the copyright wanting the legal documentation and doing research trying to find it. I have a couple of attorney friends that helped me with that and looked through it for me and they couldn't find it anywhere. It should have been done in Ohio with the

state and it should have been done with the federal government. You can do it in your state alone however then you're not federally covered. We're protected at this moment. However, the problem is I don't have legal standing if someone takes our stuff and uses it, changes it. I can't report back to the Groups that we have an issue and I don't have legal standing in federal court.

Mike- So, we're basically copyrighting something to something that doesn't exist.

Bill- Right

Mike- So, we just need to make it exist.

Bill- Right

Mike- If you copyright something to something that doesn't exist and it comes into being later does that?

Bill- There would be no problem with that. It's all retroactive.

Brian- Basically the copyright office is holding that in trust.

Bill- They are holding it in trust until we get it because it's paid for, they need the legal documentation is what they need. It's just like when you set a 501C3 up, you get your tax exemption and all that other stuff. 501C4 you don't get tax exemption. But, a 501C3, which a lot of places go under but that's not a foundation, a foundation is totally different. We elected when we first set this up to go as a foundation instead of a 501C3 because we aren't looking to avoid taxes, we're not looking to make income to have to file taxes. So as a foundation we can hold property in trust for the Fellowship itself instead and that would be our legal entity that is owned by the NA Home Groups. We need to get it legalized now. The person who was supposed to set it up as directed by the conference never set it up so that's what we have to look at. We had to go through the same thing with our web page. The person died and we had to figure out how to get access to it and switch over.

Matte- Does this issue with the Anonymi Foundation affect the agent's ability to protect the Groups or defend the Groups if any action is taken against us?

Bill- I cannot take action directed by the Groups if someone takes a piece of literature and changes it until the Anonymi Foundation is an official entity. It's a name, it was supposed to have been done, it was not done. I can defend it if someone tries to sew us for using their stuff, I have the history that it is ours. We are protected there, but that's only me as a defendant. If they sue the Anonymi Foundation for using their literature I got proof it's not theirs we paid for, it's sitting in the copyright office. However, only as a defendant do I have that right. The Groups could direct me and say "hey, someone's changing our IP..and they're taking it and making it theirs" and I do have some fears with some people in Canada right now, doing stuff like that. There is a Canadian Group

up there that does what they want when they want. They don't respect any copyrights. They think they have the right to do whatever they want. We're not concerned about people printing, distributing, putting it out as long as they're not profiting and they're not changing content. The Groups that approved this stuff approved by the Fellowship Groups. It's they're property, it's not anybody else's and content is important to us and that's the part that I'm concerned about at this time. We're going to be talking in the future about this kind of stuff. There's going to be more in depth talk about these issues.

Brian- Years ago, the Groups that existed in this foundation then already have directed you or whomever it was to create that LLC.

Bill- that was Jim

Brian- but this body has already been directed, we don't really need to redirect it.

Bill- That we are going to discuss in open forum.

Brian- It needs to be done and we can do it.

Matte makes a motion to approve the report

Herman seconds

No opposition

# Literature Report

FSL Literature Coordinator Report -2023 FSC

We did not have any Groups hosting any Literature conference this past year. I did communicate with the Netherlands and their translation process with the Baby Blue which they finished the book, and the book is going out for approval, exciting times in the Netherlands. They are also starting the process to host input and review process after completion of the book into review form.

The Swedish Fellowship is going back through the Swedish Baby Blue for input and review again. They have also started the Translation Process of the Grey Book into the Swedish Language.

I communicated with Iran and their translation of the Grey Book, the rough draft of 12 Traditions. One member has started the translation of the twelve steps. More will be revealed.

The Russian Fellowship has started the process of translation of the Grey Book.

#### Narcotics Anonymous 1983 (2nd edition)

Gray Book 1981 (chapters 1,2 and 3)

#### **Meeting Reading Cards**

Who is a drug addict?

What is the Narcotics Anonymous program?

Why are we here?

**How it works** 

12 Narcotics Anonymous Traditions

We are really recovering

Only today

Booklets

White Paper 1976

**Information leaflets** 

Who, what, how and why?

Recovery and breakdown

Am I an addict?

Five healing tools

Complete abstinence from all drugs

A look at the Group Conscience of .

Herman makes a motion to accept the literature chair report

Mike Seconds

No opposition

Approved

Chairperson discusses the importance of GSRs being in the conference room.

#### Restart at 1:30 PM

Moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer

Chairperson's remarks regarding conference agenda report and voting procedures.

GSR roll call for voting

Ray- Recovery First Group Allentown, PA
Daniel- Grateful Wakeup Group Norfolf, NE
Marvin- NA Miracles Group Kenton, OH
Ron- Miracle Group Venlo, NL
Shawn- A Different Look Group Philedelphia, PA
Tyrone- The War Is Over! Findlay, OH
Niek- Original NA Hengelo Group NL
Bill- Historical Perspectives Group Allentown, PA
Hermen-A Way Out Group Zwolle, NL
Brian H- Alive and Free Group Maysville, KY

## **Old Business**

#### **Motions**

#### 2021-E

The Rabbit Meeting

To have line numbers and page numbers on every piece of review and input literature.

Intent: "to keep our review and input literature consistent, and to make it easier for input to be understood when submitted" Group

Contact Bill. C (610)809-9771

Motion 2021-E		
Yes	2	
No	1	
Abstain	2	
Present not Voting	5	
Percentage	40%	
Motion does not pass		

2021-F

### The Rabbit Meeting

To have the name of the group added to the review and input literature "intent" to make available the group name that has written a piece of literature. The group can be asked questions during the input and review process

Group contact Bill. C (610)809-9771

Motion 2021-F		
Yes	2	
No	1	
Abstain	1	
Present not Voting	6	
Percentage	50%	
Motion does not pass		

#### 2019-A

Never Alone, Never Again Group in North Carolina

Motion for ASIS to maintain a stock pile of \$5000 worth of literature and phone number where groups can order literature. For this to happen ASIS would have to rent storage space and assign a trusted servant to receive and fulfill the orders.

The trusted servant assigned would need to be given access to our current printing company. This could evolve into a service center as we grow. Passing this motion in no way precludes the inventory of literature to growing beyond \$5000 amount Intent: to function more as a formal service center

\*this will will be considered a returning motion when it comes back.Contact: Travis (828) 734-1877

Motion 2019-A		
Yes	0	
No	3	
Abstain	1	
Present not Voting	6	
Percentage	0%	
Motion does not pass		

#### 2023-A

The War Is Over! Group

To edit the We're Not Doctors IP for misspelling and grammar.

Pg. 2, second column, second paragraph: There answer at times Should be:

Their answer at times (There should be Their)

Pg. 2, second column, third paragraph:

Please read the Basic Text and the IP information pamphlets and see if you can identify, remember we are not for everyone, only addicts seeking recovery from addiction.

Should be: Please read the Basic Text and the IPs (information pamphlets) and see if you can identify. Remember, we are not for everyone, only addicts seeking recovery from addiction.

(Needs correct use of abbreviation and needs to be made into two sentences) Intent: To correct spelling and grammatical errors, making the approved IP more attractive and easier to comprehend.

Motion 2023-A		
Yes	4	
No	0	
Abstain	0	
Present not Voting	6	
Percentage	100%	
Motion does pass as a first year motion		

## **Open Forum**

#### On abstaining votes and a motion that passes that was out of order

Ken- What we need to do is to clarify what abstentions mean with the votes. We have decided to pass first year or second year. We need to know the difference between abstention and no. We also need to go back through the minutes and make a record.

Bill- an abstention as a first year motion automatically goes back for the next year. That was a mistake made on this conference floor because the chairperson was argumentative and pushed it through.

Eric- reads the voting descriptions out of new old na way

Bryan- It wasn't clear for me since in our area we do things differently. We only use yes, no or don't vote.

Cherinity- so just for clarification. Abstain could be yes or no depending on an amendment made to a motion.

The answer is yes.

Matte- Is there a difference between a no vote or abstain vote? Looks the same.

Eric- If a Group abstains it's usually because they don't understand the motion or they need more information. Communication is important.

Eric- We have a motion that was pushed through in the past and we need to look at that.

Erik- Is the excerpt in the magazine about the voting process designed by the Groups?

Matte- reads motion. "To require all representatives to submit any motions immediately upon arrival at the conference in writing. Require motions to be put in writing by the Groups. Making a motion rather than being written from memory by the representatives on arrival."

Intent - to insure the motions are made by the NA Homegroups and not conjured up on the FSC floor to protect the conscience of the Groups and insure motions are submitted exactly as the Groups conscienced.

Brian- We claim we don't use Robert Rules of order, yet it looks like we practice them.

Bill- It's not Robert's Rules, it's how the Groups accepted it at the conference.

Eric- Do you know what year that was done?

Bill- The Group from Utah (Alive and Free Nomad's) brought it up. They were concerned about the consistent process here, and the groups accepted it. We did not remove the possibility to abstain. Groups don't have to give a reason for why they abstain, but we were hoping they would communicate their reasons. That's why open forum was created. If Groups don't communicate, motions can be going around in circles for years.

Brian Y- So now we need to determine if an abstention is a no-vote or not a vote.

Bill- It basically does the same as a no-vote in the quorum.

Eric- We need to review how the motion was approved by the Groups. It was brought in 2018 and voted on in 2019

Bill- It was approved like this by the Groups.

Bill- We didn't catch it when that motion was pushed. It's the responsibility of the chairperson to inform the Groups about the procedure ahead of the Conference. And the GSR's bring it to the GRoups on how they can vote at the conference.

#### **Autonomy Statement**

Brian- reads instructions for the resolution statement. Posted on NAhelp.org.

Brian- Asks what does this body have to do with NAWS?

Bill- Explains that we are just informing them that we are truly autonomous

Bill- reads autonomy statement

\*break to help stuck semi

#### Restart at 3:19

#### Mickey speaks on autonomy statement

This is a rough draft we made and the point is to declare that the na group has full autonomy in the services it provides and does not recognize NAWS as an authority. Explains the document. Declaration of Autonomy.

Some changes are made to the Draft version of the document and are uploaded to the webpage.

Matte- Our Group has made a cover letter.

Matte reads the document from the War is Over Group.

#### FSC setting up FSC as a legal entity

Bill- People brought up the issue with the Annymi Foundation. We have 4 proposals. However Brain brought up we already directed Jim M to do these things from the Conference. My report is that it wasn't done after extended research. An attorney friend helped me with this research. Jim was having health issues at the time he said he legalized the Anonymi foundation, however it never happened. Now we have to deal with that. We need to get it legalized. I need to get the information and send it to the Groups to go over what it will cost to legalize it.

The issue at the moment is when someone changes our literature, our agent has no standing in court. The problem is that the foundation has never been established.

Brian- Maybe we can find these minutes, or otherwise you need to take our words from the people who were there. The Groups at that time have already instructed it to be done. We don't need another motion so let's do it.

Shawn- The majority of the people at this conference weren't there then. So we need to explain. If nobody has an objection, Billy can proceed.

Bill- Explains more about why it needs to be done.

Shawn - So basically it is a time sensitive issue

Bill - I will do the research on what it takes to get the LLC and report back to the Groups. We can only take action when the Groups authorize it.

Bill explains why we go with LLC instead of 501(C)3. Jim M. told us we go with LLC because we are not looking to make a profit.

Linda- We need to make sure the Groups get all the information.

Linda- So we can come together here and make a decision in this?

Bill- I will have to get back with the report to the Groups within a month.

Bill- There will have to be a board that initially can be the officers of this Conference. Next year we can elect board members at the Conference. It only takes three board members.

Matte- We have been acting like this has already been established, as we put all the trademarks and copyrights on the literature.

Bill- Yes that's what it is

Marvin-

**Motion:** to proceed as was previously established by Marvin

Seconded by Herman

None opposed / No objections

Passed.

#### **Donating/the FSC or ASIS handling money**

Matte- We want to clarify about money and donations as there was a Group Reports stating they were donating money to ASIS.

Eric- The conference does not have a treasurer. The Historical Perspective Groups hosts the Conference. The money that is put in the donation box goes to the Historical Perspective Group for paying the bills.

Brian- Groups should know any Group can host the FSC. Could be at this location.

Bill- I just want to explain something. The money runs through our Group and that's how we've been operating since its inception.

Brian- So, if another Group volunteers to host it, you would transfer the money?

Bill- Our Group has a relationship with the facility because we've been negotiating that with them for years now. Hosting it, we just do the financial end. We obtained the PO Box and have an address for legal matters. For the Anonymi Foundation it has been established for that purpose. So, how to transfer all of that it would be up to the Groups on how to move forward with that.

#### **Approved Literature**

Matte- The next issue is the approved literature that Brian was talking about. We were talking about if there should be a disclaimer on the website or literature explaining what approved means.

Brian- I think that was answered, we can talk about it some more. Just because it's Fellowship approved doesn't mean it's hard and fast to your...I mean. We are reiterating the 4th and 12th Traditions. You know what I'm talking about, you see these people in the NA lite bunch talking about "that's not approved literature!" and we don't want anybody to be confused. As long as we know so we can tell people with clear and concise knowledge on the website or on the literature itself. How can there be confusion if we let them know just because this is Fellowship Approved doesn't mean that your Group has to use it and that it can not use something that the Fellowship has not approved.

Bill- What you're saying is we give you the right to print it, distribute it, use it...your Group approves of it, use it. Some people ask if they can stay with their NAWS structure and come here. We don't make those decisions for you. We don't exclude. It's your Group's choice if you want to be independent and still come here. You can participate here.

#### Open forum on motions that did not pass

Bill- I know the two motions that we're talking about come from the Rabbit Group. We looked at it simply, we're not attaching ego to it. They want line numbers on it, I understand that we've been doing some of that with input and review and they want it like that right from the start. It makes it easier in the literature conferences when they're already like that. The other one was adding the Group name to the literature to be able to communicate with the Group that wrote it. It makes it beneficial when you can communicate with the Group that started the literature and they can be included. Maybe some of you communicated with the Group and you didn't get communication back. If that's happening then we need to look at what's happening there. Are we goofing up the communication on the process we set up? From here to now you have six new proposals coming and the only proposals submitted this year come through our Home Group. If you have communication with any of the proposals, if something needs to be adjusted we've got until January first, we need to get that done and we will respond to you. We will look at what we can agree on and it will come out as a motion in January. We're open to eyes and ears and that's why we discuss these things here at the conference because we want to know is the Group not communicating or is there something in there that needs to be switched around or something? We should know that or the motion is going to keep coming back and not passing like the one we were talking about that came from Travis. We already have more literature than he's asking for in that motion. We've got over \$10,000 worth of books. The issue is not money, the issue is the cost of having a facility, what's it going to cost? Has anyone done that study? If we're going to have a service center we would like to know the cost and how it's going to operate before moving forward. Where would it be? That kind of information would need to be in the proposal. Not saying that we might not end up there someday but if we don't get communication with the Group and get them to change their motion then how can we make a decision? That's why we objected to it.

Brian- I've thought about this for years and this is an "if" but if we can find an agent to negotiate with a worldwide printer that if Sweden goes to the printer and they say we want one book, we want this IP for the exact same price as if Allentown ordered 3,000 of them because we are doing it worldwide for one price whether you order 1 or 400. Any Group or area can go to that worldwide printer and no matter how many you order it's the exact same price. Does that make sense?

Bill- That would have to be researched, discussed and see if that's even possible.

Mike- I talked to a printer the day before I got here about printing a book and he said it didn't matter if I printed 1 or 100 it would be the same price but I didn't ask about shipping. I don't know about volume though.

Bill- It sounds like a small printer. When you're doing bulk printing we just brought an order of 4,000 baby blues and 4,000 gray books and we're getting them at a discounted rate. Drastically discounted because of the amount of books.

Erik- Digital printing is mostly 0-1000 is what they do and if you go over that they do offset printing.

Bill- We're doing offset printing.

Tyrone- How much is it to print the Gray Books each?

Frank(truck driver)- They ship them to you and then you ship the all over the United States?

Bill- Yes

Frank- I come through this area at least 3 times a month. I don't go to the west coast. I can help ship them. We could work something out, I'm here for service.

Marvin- Having to do with the Rabbit meeting, the numbering the lines and stuff. Instead of making it a law is there something we could do on the website as suggestions?

Matte- Part of our Group's abstention from that motion was based on the wording of the motion and I did reach out to a member of the Group after the last conference and didn't really get any feedback. We just thought that instead of telling Groups to submit it in a certain way that it could be reworded in a way that suggests it or appoints a process to have it on the website in that format. It says: we feel that it is good to have a format for input and review literature; however, we need more information and would like to see the wording of the motion changed. For instance would we need to add a service position for this or would we tell addicts that it needed to be submitted in a certain way. Also if it isn't submitted in the way that is defined would we still accept it? We didn't want addicts or Groups to think they had to submit literature in a certain way but we did think there could be a request on the website on how to format the literature and have volunteers reformat literature before it is posted on the webpage. In that case we can do that already.

Josh- I don't know if there is a solution to total US distribution but I'm willing to help distribute books.

Ken- There's no reason why we can't just add the line numbers to the input and review literature. It doesn't need a motion if it's a good idea to put it like that just do it.

Bill- I understand what you're saying but the Groups bring forward the motions and what he's saying is they're giving input and they're not getting anything back. If a Group isn't going to take the responsibility to communicate back. He's saying we can do this here if it's reworded. It's going to keep coming back now like the other one because if a Group isn't going to communicate then the motion cannot be changed.

Eric- That's something that's going to have to be discussed because in the past we had said that if a Group dies then what happens to the motion?

Bill- There's no proposal for that at this time so we don't have a process for motions going away.

Cherinity- Because of all the motions that are coming up with the literature I think it's important that we start these conferences up again somehow.

Marvin- Concerning the dilemma of motions keep coming back around, instead of beating a dead horse can there be a proposal to cancel it?

Eric- It would have to come as a proposal from a Group.

Shawn- This Group is no longer participating so it's going to keep coming back around. The only one who can really revise a motion is the motion maker.

Linda- Does that mean a new Group can take on the motion since it has been abandoned?

Bill- What you would have to do is make a new proposal that is worded the way you want however, that other motion will still be there. How do you resolve that? We need to come back with answers on how to resolve that, especially if a Group is no longer participating.

Marvin- So that means that if someone is not showing up to the conference they are not participating?

Eric- No, not necessarily.

Bill- No, it's going to keep going around until we have a proposal to resolve it.

Shawn- the gentleman from the Rabbit Meeting who made those proposals was having trouble when he was doing input and review because he didn't know where the stuff even came from so there couldn't be any communication. There needs to be feedback back and forth that's why those motions were made. The other one with the line numbers helps when doing input and review to be more specific on what needs to be changed. They're really not bad motions.

Bill- We are already doing it every literature conference we have to reformat the material and it takes extra time. It's just asking that it already be submitted in that format to save us from having to do it.

Mike- So, I'm having trouble with Groups around me understanding the Baby Blue and the Gray Book. So, I did a bunch of research and I wrote a paper and it's got 80 references. It explains the beginning and it explains every version of the Basic Text. I try to prove every claim it makes. I want to know if it's accurate and if it makes sense.

Frank- Just to add on to that I've been kicked off three podiums being asked to speak around the country when I talk about the Gray Book. I don't get asked to speak anymore because of that.

Bill- The best way to deal with that is to give them a CD by Greg Pierce and Joseph Proctor and ask them if they were NA Members because they helped write the Gray Book.

Patrick- I had an idea. I write, if you don't know that, most of you know that. I'm a writer. Anything that I write I put on this website and as soon as I write it, it comes out copyrighted so, what I was thinking was that we could find somewhere like that for publishing material and copyright stuff just like that. It's pretty simple. It's just something I was thinking about for you all to consider.

Brian- An example of that is poetry.com. If you send a writing to them and put it on their website, as soon as they publish it and put it on their website it's copyrighted automatically.

Bill- First of all, they're an outside organization. They have to go through the copyright laws so someone is filing for those copyrights.

Patrick- Once it's on the internet, it's copyrighted.

Bill- It's not copyrighted once it's on the internet. Anyone can take it.

Ben- Once it's copyrighted, it's under an individual's name. So, if an individual name and that individual happen to leave this structure, then that material is in their name and not protected for this structure. So, they could say that we can't use the material if they want to. That's why we need it copyrighted to the foundation.

Bill- Patrick, do you make money when they sell one of those books?

Patrick- Yes

Bill- I'm trying to figure this out so that means they make money from the sale of those books. We are not trying to make money with what we are doing. All I'm saying is that

the company still has to pay to get that material copyrighted, so it doesn't make it any different then what we have to do now.

Tyrone- Pretty much what you're saying is there are ways that we can do it where it will be copyrighted but not as an individual but as a foundation. So, the residuals would go back into it so if it's done that way it wouldn't go to the individual.

Bill- The issue is we're not trying to make money. We don't want residual income. So, we could set a site up like they're talking about but it's still the Anonymi Foundation that's going to have to handle filing for the copyrights. That's the way we're already doing it but now we have to go back and set it up as a legal entity.

Marvin- Addicts helping addicts. Even though it's freely given away it's given to us. It still takes money. We can't get to a meeting without gas. So having the foundation, it's given away not to make a profit off of it.

Eric- The gift of service. Everyone has freely donated that. It was their choice.

Tyrone- So on spotify it does the same thing where it's monetized, so it wouldn't be any different than that.

Matte- That's switched off though so it's not monetized.

Shawn- We're not here to make money. We don't want to end up being NAWS. That's the main thing with having this set up to not make profit.

Marvin- The profit we bring in must be given away free?

Eric- We don't want to make profit because that's how it begins. Anything else?

Motion to close open forum.

Seconded

All approved.

Wrapped up at 5:08 PM

#### Day 3 Start at 9:25 AM

Moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Twelve Traditions are read.

Co-chair asks for any announcements

Questions arise regarding co-chair taking over for chair. Erik F is serving in person as co-chair for the first year in person. He has served for 4 years but due to travel restrictions has not been able to attend the conference in person.

There is further discussion amongst conference attendees on whether or not the cochair would be able to take over for the chair after only serving in person one year.

Erik expresses that he feels there will be enough help and guidance available for him to take over as the conference chair.

Daniel brings up the potential scenario of what if Erik F can't make it to the conference for one reason or another considering he lives in another country.

Linda says that maybe it would be good for there to be a co-chair that lives in the United States just in case a situation like this arises.

Mike says he believes we just need to trust in God and not worry about all these what ifs?

Bill states we are not in elections yet.

### Final Treasurer's Report (Bill A. Historical Perspectives Group)

# Treasure Report FSC 2023

## **Treasurer Report**

In			
	6/23/2023	6/25/2023	
Registrations	\$3960.00	\$120.00	
Donations	\$320.00	\$253.25	
Total		\$4653.25	
Out/Expenses			
Facility Payment	\$1850.00		
Food	\$1540.70	\$702.00	
Food/Pies	\$48.00	\$110.00	
Total		\$4250.70	
Final Balance		\$402.55	

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Bill lets everyone know that donations prevented us from being in the hole this year and that if we only had registrations we would not have broken even.

Mike asks about donating ahead of time to the facility for the event.

Erik explains that the Historical Perspectives Group sponsors the event so any donations would have to go to that Group for the conference.

Bill also talks about the fact that the registration fee has had to go up the last couple of years due to inflation and how we always seem to be operating with a deficit and it takes donations to bring us out of the hole every year. They don't like raising the cost but have had to due to the rising cost in food and such.

Matte makes a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

Hermen seconds emotion.

None opposed.

Accepted.

## **New Business**

Erik F- So everyone has the document with the proposals, the Historical Perspective Group brought in a list of proposals. So, how it goes is when a Group brings in a proposal usually there's time for Groups to review them and give feedback. So, January 1, the proposal turns into a motion and goes on the agenda for the next conference. So, we used to say that it is good for Groups if they are going to give any feedback to do it before January 1, but i think the Group needs some time to put in the feedback so it would be better to put it in before the first of December so if there are things that Groups need to talk about with Historical Perspectives Group that they have a month to alter the proposals before they become motions so, I'm not sure how it goes from here but I believe that the proposals can be discussed now if the Groups have questions or maybe the GSR, Bill would like to explain the proposals.

#### **Proposals from Historical Perspective's Group**

Proposals Historical Perspective Group of NA FSC 2023

1. Approve Personal Responsibility Booklet

Intent: Personal Responsibility has gone through the FLC and has been in curriculum for years. It has been translated into other languages. and it is openly being used by many Worldwide Groups. SO, we feel it is time to approve it as a Fellowship.

NA Approved Literature

- Approve the Home Group Booklet Intent: has gone through the FLC and has been in the curriculum for years. It has been translated into other languages. and it is openly being used by many Worldwide Groups. SO, we feel it is time to approve it as NA Approved Literature
- 3. To legalize the Anonymi foundation as a Foundation with the federal Government Intent: To officially have standing to protect our copyrights, and have legal standing in the federal courts as the Agent for the Anonymi
- 4. To Expand the Anonymi Foundation to add 3 Board Members to oversee the Anonymi Foundation agent. Intent: to hold the Anonymi Foundation agent accountable for the fellowship to add a direct communication with the NA Groups that members Groups of the FSC and EFSC
- 5. That the Anonymi Foundation hold copyrights, logo and holds history archive for the NA Groups to made available for the NA Home Groups Intent: To be able to hold anyone accountable outside of the NA Fellowship from using are Logos.
- 6. That the Anonymi Foundation creates a digital webpage for historical documents to be made available to the NA Home Groups, to hold these documents to protect these documents. Intent: To make sure our Historical Documents are never lost, and ownership lies

with the NA Home Groups belonging to the FSC and EFSC and in future FSC will

expand worldwide. To hold Archives, property of the NA Home Groups of the FSC & EFSC Through the Anonymi Foundation

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Bill- (on proposal 6 about the archives and website) we do plan that once we develop Africa that they have their own African Fellowship Service Conference just like we're doing in Europe. We want these set up as we grow. They're going to take care of their own issues in their own country, we can't be making those decisions for them. I've got all their archives right now, in book form. It's another 8 ft. table I have to add onto my archive table now. When I die, my wife and I already talked about it, all my archives are going to be willed to, once we create all this stuff it's going to be willed over to the Fellowship Service Conference/Anonymi Foundation to be held in trust for the Groups. Everything then we will copy it and put it out in digital form so that anyone can download it worldwide. We've had too many history pages in the past that we've lost. We need to set it up where people can donate their archives and take it out of a profit making business. Too many of our archives are being bought up and put into people's personal archives and the fellowship doesn't own it. We want to create a vehicle where it is the Fellowships that I can give mine over and it will be the responsibility of the Groups it will be their property, not mine. I'm just going to hold what I have in trust until then. But I'm putting in my will it has to be donated, it can not be used for profit and can be made available to the Fellowship. After I got the shell(of the Baby Blue) I said I need to do something here and that's why we put those proposals in so when that day comes, everything is in place. But it's a lot of work.

Mickey- A suggestion here, once you get it all set up and established, here's the official archives and display, we would need to print this all up probably into a pamphlet and say: here's our archives policy, here's our presentation and here's what we do, because there's a lot of us older Members who have archives that if you have an official archives place. So if we have the structure and we make it known a lot of these older Members are probably getting to the point where we're ready to give over a lot of these records.

Bill- when we create that board, we're going to need people elected here to be board members and their purpose is to oversee that and make sure that it stays accountable to the Fellowship.

Eric D.- One thing I've thought of is I have no one to pass my house down to and I've thought about passing it down to the Anonymi Foundation to be used as a museum and it's in a central part of the United States.

Matte- so these proposals will change a little bit as a result of what happened at the conference, so what about the three board members that has to happen to set that up?

Bill- I'm going to find that out. These proposals, you will know that ahead of time. I'm going to do all the research, get it done this month and I'm going to send a report out to every Group so that they have it. I'll let them know what the process is, if it costs anything I'll let them know what the cost is, and then we'll start the process then of setting it up and making it legal so that the next time we come in here, in the next couple of months I expect us to have a legal foundation already established that was supposed to have been done that was directed by this conference in with 2007 or 2008.

Mickey- suggestion, if there is a possibility of this board being set up before next year would it be wise for this body to make a temporary selection of those three board members now so there is no guessing game?

Bill- well, they could do that before we leave here. I brought it up yesterday that the officers could become temporary board members and next year we will vote for official ones. I can't be a board member, I'm the agent.

Mickey- So, our chairperson, co-chair and secretary would be the board members for now.

Bill- temporarily, but this body has to elect those board members in the future. Next year if everything is set up we will have to be prepared to elect those board members.

Mickey- are the officers okay with standing in as temporary board members?

Erik- to me it sounds like it's a formal thing now to have three board members.

Bill- I'm just saying to set a board up, the limited board is three.

\*officers agree to stand in as a temporary board if need be.( Temporary board would be Erik, Shawn and Linda)

## **Elections**

#### Co-chair:

Megan K. nominated by Bryan H. Seconded by Matte Megan respectfully declines

Shawn nominated by Marvin Seconded by Bill Shawn qualifies himself and accepts the position with no opposition or objections

Reaffirm Secretary and Co-Secretary that have been in place for 1 year:

Linda and Matte will continue in their positions

Bill says he has willingness to be the literature coordinator so long as next year there is a co-literature coordinator

Addicts at the conference talk about electing a co-literature coordinator now since the current one did not follow through with their commitment and is not present or involved at this time.

Linda brings up the idea that maybe it would be good in the future to have one coordinator in the US and one in Europe that can work separately and together.

Matte brings up that The War Is Over! Group is discussing having another literature conference but needs to be talked about in Group Conscience and will probably have to find a new facility due to issues from last time. Also, that if possible it would be good to put a co-literature coordinator in place now and that Eric D. would make a great coordinator if he has the willingness to do it.

It is discussed that the last co-lit coordinator did not live up to the commitment and did not show up at the conference.

Bill asks if we want to try to talk to Frank V. and see if he would like to continue in the position before moving forward.

Eric states that he was told by Frank not long after the last conference that he wasn't going to do the position he was elected for.

Eric tried to call Frank to see if he was still willing to serve. He did not answer.

Matte says it would be nice to see another conference happen in New Jersey again.

Brian mentions having one in Virginia. Also that there could be electronic conferences as well in between physical conferences.

Bill nominated Brian H from Virginia (not Kentucky) as literature co-coordinator. Matte seconds the motion Brian accepts the nomination and qualifies himself No objections

Reaffirm Literature Conference Secretary and Co-Secretary: Megan says yes and Kate is having a baby so we did not bother her with it at this time.

Herman has willingness to serve as webservant It is discussed that Herman needs help and it would be nice to have a co-webservant Herman nominates Mike from Tennessee as co-webservant

Sharlie Seconded Mike accepts and qualifies None opposed

#### **Elected Positions**

Chair- Erik.f
Co-chair- Shawn C.
Secretary- Linda
Co-secretary- Matte B.
Anonymi Agent- Bill A.
Literature coordinator- Bill. A
Literature co-coordinator- Brian. H
Literature secretary- Megan K.
Literature co-secretary Kate
Web servant- Hermen

Marvin makes a motion to close the FSC

Seconded

Closed