

It's been more than 2 months since the WSC so before it's memory fades away....

I had a fantastic time and discovered was that no matter what country, culture or language that the NA message is spoken in, it is coming across loud and clear. I got to hear many people speak through translators and the message remained a constant NA one. I also got to find out the Wes and I work great together. Since it was a first time there for both of us, we had to ask lots of questions and discuss things amongst ourselves.

Before I get to my part of the WSC presentation, I have one housekeeping things to mention. I have been reimbursed for my flight as well as my hotel room. I also received \$500 for my 10 days of per diem. I kept track of my daily expenses (I have a list for the treasurer) and spent \$310.86 on meals and \$47 on the shuttle so I am returning  $\$500 - 310.86 - 47 = \$142.14$ .

Now on to my part of the WSC report:

#### OLD BUSINESS:

These are the motions that Groups were asked to vote on in the CAR. First, how our regions Groups voted:

	For	Against	Abstain	Send to Committee
Motion 1	4	7	1	
Motion 2	4	6	1	1
Motion 3	4	6	1	

Motion 1 (creating a glossary of NA terms) and motion 2 (developing an Identity Statement) were both easily defeated at the conference. Motion 3 (change the time frame for approval for recovery literature from 150 days to 1 year) was where the fun began. Although it appeared at first that it would be defeated, another region came out with an amendment that said this motion would be for book length pieces so that smaller pieces like pamphlets could still take the 150 days. With that amendment, motion 3 was accepted. Since our results to Motion 3 were fairly evenly split and we had heard the concern for smaller pieces in Car Workshops, we voted "Yes" to this amended motions.

## ELECTION:

Elections were held for positions on the World Board, The Human Resources Panel and Co-Facilitators. Many people were running for each position so we had many resumes to read. We were told the maximum number of positions that were open in each. Wes and I figured that was the number you voted for but it turned out that was just a maximum. If a region wanted to, they could just vote for one person per position.

Wes and I decided to take turns reading over all resumes and made our choices. When we came back together again, we'd picked almost the same people so it made the voting easy. Many of these were also elected.

Before the elections, there were challenges made to two people nominated. We weren't given the names, but were given details of the challenge. The first challenge was voted down so the person remained on the ballot. The second challenge was accepted so the person's name was dropped.

The final results were:

World Board: Arne H, Franny J, Mark H, Paul C, Ron H, Tom McCall, Tonia N

Human Resource Panel: Gregory S, Mary Kay B.

WSC Co-Facilitators: Jimmy S

**NEWLY SEATED REGIONS:** Members voted overwhelmingly to seat Iran and South Africa and voted unanimously to seat Western Russia. It was a great day for the Western Russia RD as it was also her clean date. She spoke through translator who was also an NA member. Two regions were not seated, Blue Grass and North Carolina. The vote against North Carolina was close and the member presenting the motion tried to get Wes and I to reintroduce the motion (we had voted against it), but we said no. There was lots of discussion and it ended with a "Standing Vote" but was still defeated.

The World Board, in their report said some interesting things about the IRAN fellowship. A Religious leader in IRAN said there was no conflict with their state mandated religion and the NA program. Some sponsors have 125 sponsees. And, in defending their decision to have a branch office in Iran, the IRAN fellowship had purchased 309,00 key tags over an 8 month period.

Another interesting thing from the World Board report was that there are currently 65 languages spoken in NA and 25 languages in publications. Two years ago there were 47 languages spoken and they believe that in two years time, there will be 80.

New Issue Discussion Topics were introduced:

- Building Stronger Home Groups
- Who is missing from our meetings
- Why are members missing from our meetings
- Our Service System.

On the technology front, the NAWS website is being restructured and the look of the first page changing. They will also be setting it up so that Regional/Area meeting lists can be generated from their Group Database.

In closing, I have a couple of short FD videos on my PC that we were shown at the conference.

Yours in Service

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