



NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

World Service Conference 2026

Delegate Team Report

Washington Northern Idaho Region of Narcotics Anonymous

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Theme: Our Common Welfare

Celebrating 50 Years of the World Service Conference | 1976–2026

Regional Delegate: Kia K. | **Alternate Delegate: Nancy F.**

Introduction

This report contains a summary of some of the decisions made, and pertinent information given, at the 2026 World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous (“Conference”). For full details on all decisions made, see the WSC 2026 First Draft Summary of Decisions at www.na.org/conference or the spreadsheet attached to the online version of this report at www.wnirna.org. For details on information given at the Conference, see the 2026 Conference Report at www.na.org/conference.

This year’s conference marked a milestone: the 50th anniversary of the World Service Conference, first convened in 1976. The theme, Our Common Welfare, reflects Narcotics Anonymous’s enduring commitment to unity and collective purpose across the worldwide fellowship.

Pre-Conference Highlights — Saturday, May 2nd

Our regional delegate and alternate arrived in Los Angeles, made their way to the World Service Office, and received welcome items remaining from WCNA alongside a tour of the facility. The evening brought the Western States Zonal Forum together for a Family Feud-style skit with audience participation, sharing news highlights from across the zone.

Delegate Activities

- Attended a Fellowship Development Workshop featuring presentations on virtual meetings connecting to correctional facilities simultaneously.
- Regional Delegate Kia K. was invited to share for 10 minutes at the Speaker Jam — a notable honor at a World Service Conference. along with delegates from around the world.
- Explored the World Market where delegates brought merchandise from their regions.
- Got our groove on at the local fellowship’s “Happy Feet” monthly dance that was moved to the Hotel for the conference.

Conference Opening — Sunday, May 3rd

First Things First

The Conference opened with introductions and the Serenity Prayer offered in all represented languages by newly seated members. A Conference Countdown engaged all participants in celebrating their cumulative years of attendance.

Participant Statistics

Participant Category	Count / Detail
Total Voting Members	148
Regional & Zonal Delegates	133 RDs/ZDs + 15 World Board
Alternate Delegates	113
HRP Members	3
Cofacilitators	2
Translators	6
Remote Participants	43 (14 voting + 29 alternates)
Seated Regions Represented	127 of 128
Seated Zones Represented	6 of 6
Countries Represented	47–48
Languages Spoken or Signed	31
Gender: Men / Women / Non-binary	183 / 81 / 2
Streaming — Unique Listeners (English)	1,779
Streaming — Unique Listeners (Spanish)	495
Streaming — Unique Listeners (Portuguese)	181
Total Unique Streaming Listeners	2,455

Newly Seated Members

The following regions were seated for the first time at WSC 2026:

- Brazil Central
- Iran Region #1
- Nordeste Brazil

- Rio Grande do Sul
- Thailand

The Conference also voted to seat: Afghanistan Region and Region 10 Brazil. El Salvador was not registered to attend.

Planning: Creating Our Future

Jim DeLizia, a long-time NAWS consultant, led an inventory activity designed to reboot the strategic planning process at World Services and across the service system. Small groups examined both external and internal factors changing NA's environment. Key discussion points included:

Top External Factors

- Geopolitical dynamics — 75%
- Evolution of technology (AI, social media, literature access, security) — 60%
- Generational and cultural differences — 50%
- Financial constraints (tariffs, cost, legal/tax implications) — 40%
- Alternative programs (including harm reduction) — 40%
- Legalization of drugs, including therapeutic uses and retail availability — 22%
- Impact of differences in healthcare systems and access — 13%

Top Internal Factors

- Development and organization of trusted servants; generational expectations — 67%
- Generational and cultural differences and gaps — 43%
- Sense of safety, belonging, and welcomeness — 43%
- Lack of global perspective (diversity of issues and needs) — 34%
- Lack of clear, consistent communication and NA language — 30%
- Disruption and bottleneck in flow of funds — 29%
- Redundancy and lack of cohesion in core services — 22%
- Outside issues causing internal polarization — 19%
- Establishment and integration of virtual NA — 14%

Alternate Delegate's Zoom Room Experience

The Alternate Delegate participated in a Zoom breakout room alongside delegates from Australia, Africa, Bangladesh, India, Iran, Ukraine, Russia, and Norway. The first room focused on educating members, and several delegates expressed a strong desire for a more global approach to NA—some calling for the USA to relinquish 60 seats at the Conference. The discussion grew heated at times, which made for an uncomfortable moment, but the group moved forward and continued the remaining four days in unity.

During the breakout session on issues affecting NA as a whole, delegates from most other countries identified Geo-Political dynamics as their number one concern, followed by Generational Differences as a close second. It was a powerful and humble experience to hear concerns from across the world—and to recognize the same fire for recovery burning in every delegate, regardless of where they came from.

Conference Agenda Report (CAR) Motion Summary

Note: The Conference decided to no longer accept standalone CAR motions for literature; requests will be gathered through the CAR Survey process going forward.

Adopted Motions — Official Record

The following motions were formally adopted at WSC 2026. Full motion text and addenda are available at www.na.org/conference.

Motion	Description / Intent	Outcome
Motion #1 World Board	Approve the revised IP #21, Staying Clean in Isolation (Addendum A), as Fellowship-approved recovery literature to replace the current IP #21, The Loner. Intent: Update this IP originally approved in 1986 with current Fellowship experience.	PASSED 130-0-0 — 100% Unanimous
Motion #2 World Board	Adopt the collaboratively created 2026–2029 NA World Services Strategic Plan (Addendum B). Intent: Approve the results of the collaborative planning that began at WSC 2023.	PASSED 122-4-1 — 93.85%
Motion #3 World Board	Hold the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous (WCNA) every 5 years beginning in 2028; location determined by World Board. Intent: Reflect the changing nature of large events and support prudent use of Fellowship resources.	PASSED 101-29-2 — 76.52%
Motion #4 Arizona Region (Co-makers: FL, OH, N. CA, S. CA, Sweden, UK, Utah)	Direct the World Board to create a project plan for WSC 2029 to explore providing booklength pieces of literature to the incarcerated on tablets, including IPs and a tablet version of the Fifth Edition Basic Text. Intent: Discuss meaningfully the opportunities and obstacles of making booklength literature available to the incarcerated.	initial Straw Poll: 87-29-9-6 69.60% Strong support Final Vote: 102-26-2-1 78.40% Strong Support — Motion carries

2026 CAR Survey Results

The 2026 CAR Survey gathered input from 53 delegates (regional and zonal) and 9,188 individual member responses in 15 languages: Arabic, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, Hebrew, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish, Russian, and Ukrainian.

Key priorities identified by members included Disruptive & Predatory Behavior, Welcoming Newcomers, a New Step Guide, DRT/MAT considerations, the 12 Concepts, Virtual Recovery, and Women in Recovery. Attracting members to service and mentorship rated highest overall in the survey.

The Conference discussed improvements to the CAR Survey process, including:

- Improving collaboration with contributing participants (CPs) throughout the vetting process
- Adding an extra CP meeting to refine ideas

- Adjusting timelines to make it easier for CPs to participate
- Providing clearer communication about how survey results are used at the Conference and beyond
- Strengthening alignment between the strategic plan and the CAR Survey

Public Relations Report

Rich and Thom presented slides and videos on current NA public relations efforts globally. Key highlights included:

- IP #22 in Farsi is distributed more than in any other language — Iran represents the largest NA community in the world.
- NA's YouTube presence is strongest in Russia.
- Social media strategy was presented, including guidelines on NA's 11th Tradition and social media.
- A PR Toolkit is being developed for training local members in internal PR.
- Poster campaigns shared "Do's and Don'ts" guidance for regions.

The Conference discussed updating the 11th Tradition to be inclusive of social media. This remains an open conversation, with the World Board inviting CPs to collaboratively create a CAR motion for the next cycle.

NAWS Report — May 5th

The NAWS Executive Director presented a comprehensive report on the state of Narcotics Anonymous worldwide. Key highlights included:

- For the first time in over 50 years, NAWS has a woman CEO.
- Travis was introduced as the new Deputy Executive Director; Daniel leads communications; Nick Elison leads public relations.
- Electronic literature is the top access method on the NAWS website; literature sales continue to decline while website usage increases.
- The largest growing free literature distribution is in Iran and Russia, where NAWS supports the fellowship's ability to obtain materials.
- NAWS is developing a local LTC in Swahili and funding an African Zone effort; 39 weekly meetings, meeting monthly online.
- 1,500 inmate tablets deployed, with Spanish audio being the highest-used content. NAWS is expanding reach into treatment facilities.
- Budget update: a 15% literature price increase does not fully cover the \$6,500 cost per delegate; WSC costs are 30% higher than 2023. NAWS described the organization as fiscally stable and exploring new financial models beyond literature sales.
- NAWS is building an AI library from locally mistranslated service material and seeking audio recovery literature contributions from the fellowship.

Questions and comments

- Literature in Iran and Russia: prices have been kept artificially low to prevent money from accumulating in sanctioned territories, preserving funds for primary services.
- Budget projections: income is projected to increase 2% in 2027 with a 15% literature cost increase; free and subsidized literature must account for sales tax, customs, and value-added taxes.

- 20% of the operating budget is allocated to the WSC (\$650 to produce). Discussions continue around virtual WSC options and the sustainability of seating individual regions.
- Brazil funded its own RD travel costs to address funding shortfalls. North Dakota was able to fully fund its RD for the first time.
- Alon from Israel raised how geopolitical tensions — including the conflict involving Ukraine — directly affect the fellowship’s ability to share literature and gather regionally. The worldwide fellowship continues to navigate these realities with unity.

New Ideas Discussions

Conference participants submitted new ideas, prioritized them via survey, and spent Friday afternoon discussing the top four topics. The table below shows the full prioritization results from the Conference.

Proposal / Maker	Summary	Vote (Yes / No)
Making NA Service More Welcoming & Relevant (World Board — Fellowship Development)	Mentorship was the top priority for delegates and the second priority for members in New Service Material in the CAR Survey. How can we make service more welcoming and relevant, and better mentor and support our trusted servants?	YES: 65 NO: 16
Revision to Tradition 11 (World Board)	In response to the 2026 CAR Survey: Revising Tradition Eleven to modernize the expression “press radio, and film.” Should we revise the policy in GWSNA p.44?	YES: 60 NO: 22
Changes to Local Services (World Board — Local Services)	Modernize The Group Booklet to describe what all NA groups must share. Revise Guide to Local Services to include the different ways groups express those things. How can we reach group-level members to help?	YES: 56 NO: 26
Welcoming Newcomers (World Board — Fellowship Development)	This was the second priority in New Recovery Literature in the CAR Survey for both members and delegates. What are we looking for in a piece of recovery literature not already included in IP #29: Introduction to NA?	YES: 55 NO: 25

1. Tradition 11 and Changing the Policy

Participants were asked: Are we willing to revise the policy in GWSNA p.44? What process could/should we use today to consider this type of change? What might a revision of the Tradition look like?

There was no consensus. A variety of perspectives were shared, including different kinds of group registries, increasing voting thresholds, and leveraging technology for group capture. The World Board will work with CPs to collaboratively create a CAR motion to address policy and may also explore language revisions to the Tradition itself.

2. Changes to the Group Booklet and Guide to Local Services

Discussion focused on modernizing the Group Booklet to describe what all NA groups must share and revising the Guide to Local Services for best practices. 120 of 139 RD groups agreed that all groups should use Fellowship-approved literature. Additional themes included:

- Virtual, hybrid, and in-person meeting structures
- Encouraging members to step into service and mentorship
- Reaching members through personal outreach and technology

3. Welcoming Newcomers

The group explored what works in welcoming new members and how to bring these discussions to the group level. Key themes:

- Active personal invitations and remembering names
- Direct outreach and fellowship invitations
- Group inventory and self-evaluation on how welcoming groups are

4. Making NA Service More Welcoming and Relevant

Discussion centered on how to make service more welcoming and better mentor trusted servants. Key suggestions:

- Creating an atmosphere of recovery in service settings
- Making service enjoyable and fun
- Overlapping service terms for smoother transitions
- Introducing task-based service opportunities

Project Plan Straw Polls

The Conference voted to prioritize proposed project plans for the next service cycle. Results below reflect straw poll totals (High / Medium / Low):

Project Plan	High	Medium	Low
Fellowship Awareness & Engagement with PR Service	95	38	5
Raising Public Awareness of NA	88	40	10
Three-Year Conference Cycle	97	25	20
Safety and Belonging / Gender-Neutral Language	81	35	24
DRT/MAT — Helping Members Take Root	68	45	26
Issue Discussion Topics (IDTs)	65	53	22
New and Revised Service Tools	62	51	25
Revising Existing Recovery Informational Pamphlets	56	57	26
Generational and Cultural Diversity	48	52	38
New Recovery Informational Pamphlets	46	45	48

WSC 2026 Election Results

The following trusted servants were elected to serve the worldwide fellowship. (Last names removed for this record.)

World Board

Name	Region
Allyse M.	Connecticut Region
Danny G.	Northern New Jersey Region
Eduardo G.	HOW Brazil Region
Hammed A-T.	Kuwait Region
Jade T.	Southern California Region
Jessica B.	North Carolina Region
Jorge M.	Colombia Region
Michael B.	Volunteer Region
Pam T.	OK Region
Yoel G.	Israel Region

Human Resource Panel (HRP)

Name	Region
Bella A.	Australian Region
Cindi B.	OK Region
Troy B.	Connecticut Region

Cofacilitator

Name	Region
Tina N.	Region 51

DRT/MAT — Helping Members Take Root

The DRT/MAT session included a personal video from a member on medication-assisted treatment, and a review of Bulletin #29, which has been discussed through IDTs five times between 2006 and 2026. The topic is present throughout NA literature and service materials. The Conference did not reach consensus on DRT at this time.

Key straw polls on focus for project plans were conducted after lunch, with results as follows:

- Revise Guide to Local Services and Group Booklet including IP #2: 130–9–3–1 (91% consensus support)

- Gender-neutral language in NA literature (first steps: IP #1): 109–31–2–2 (76.76% consensus support)
- New recovery informational pamphlet focus: Disruptive and Predatory Behavior: 134–9–1–0 (93.06% consensus support)
- Issue Discussion Topics focus (attracting members to service, mentoring, group/area service): 138–5–1–1 (95.83% consensus support)

CAT Motions — Final Results

The following CAT motions were approved during the Conference:

- Motions #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #21 — all passed in the initial straw poll.
- Motion #12 — strong support in initial straw poll; passed in 2nd straw poll at 80.99%.
- Motion #18 — strong support in first straw poll; passed.

Conference Closing & Reflections—Saturday May 9th

The final day of the conference included zonal meetings, a Brazilian video on Fellowship Development and Public Relations, and a Canadian CANA video presentation. Participants voted on project plans and discussed next steps for fellowship outreach.

Certificates of participation were distributed. World Board, Human Resource Panel members, and Cofacilitators whose terms concluded at this conference were acknowledged. The Conference closed with The Voice of NA Recovery Meeting, followed by a World Market.

“We left the conference with new friends, new perspectives, and a greater love and passion for Narcotics Anonymous. We were honored to carry Washington Northern Idaho Region’s conscience to the World Conference.”

Kia K. — Regional Delegate | Nancy F. — Alternate Delegate

In loving service,
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