



NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUPS

INTERIM WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE 2024

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INTERIM WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE 2024 AGENDA REPORT (ICAR)

GREETINGS FROM THE NAR-ANON WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

We are sending this report to all registered regions, delegates, alternate delegates, World Service Committees, National Service Boards, the Executive Director, and the World Service Board of Nar-Anon Family Groups in preparation for the Nar-Anon Interim World Service Conference 2024 (IWSC), to be held from April 19 through April 21, 2024. This Interim Conference Agenda Report (ICAR) will only be available in English, regions may translate it into their own language.

The IWSC 2024 is a virtual event where the World Service Office (WSO) staff, World Service Board, World Service Committees, regional delegates, alternate delegates join together to pursue our fellowship's growth, in a timely manner. Other interested Nar-Anon members may join as observers. As we continue to grow and develop in our fellowship, our primary purpose "to offer support to friends and families of addicts" and to listen to the group conscience of the Nar-Anon Family Groups will remain unchanged.

Nar-Anon Family Groups have held nine World Service Conferences (WSC) since 2006. Each WSC has seen increased participation from regions worldwide. The upcoming IWSC 2024 will be our first interim conference. Information about previous and upcoming conferences can be found at <http://www.nar-anon.org/world-service-conference/>.

The ICAR is a tool by which we communicate the agenda we will address at the IWSC 2024. We ask that each region distribute the ICAR to all its groups, so every member of the worldwide fellowship may have an opportunity to review it and have their voice heard at the group level. Our hope is that each group's conscience will then be carried to the area and to the region, so that every regional delegate and alternate delegate will be able to fully represent their region.

GOALS OF THE IWSC 2024

The purpose of Interim World Service Conference is to discuss Common Welfare Topics (CWT), World Pool voting, approval of Recovery Literature and CAT material, reports committed/referred to by WSC 2023, and the possibility of writing motions to submit to the CAR for the WSC 2025.

We will come together in April 2024 to express and address the concerns of the fellowship through honest discussion while carefully considering the viewpoints of others.

ELECTIONS

Currently there are seven vacancies on the World Service Board. The voting members of the IWSC 2024 elect nominees to the World Pool. The World Pool is a group of Nar-Anon members who have applied and are eligible to serve on the World Service Board. Voting members of the IWSC elect one-third (up to five) of the board members from the World Pool and the World Service Board (WSB) elects two-thirds (up to ten) of the board members from the World Pool, as provided in our bylaws. The maximum number of seats on the WSB is fifteen.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES

Each conference has two secretaries. Currently there is one vacancy to be filled prior to the IWSC 2024. Candidates may apply for this position at <https://www.nar-anon.org/human-resource-committee>.

WORLD SERVICE COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS AND WSC 2023 AD HOC REPORTS

The four Ad Hoc Committees created by the WSC 2023 will present their reports. World Service Committees will give a brief presentation followed by discussion and questions.

COMMON WELFARE TOPICS

The IWSC 2024 will discuss three Common Welfare Topics (CWT) chosen by a fellowship poll. CWTs must be submitted by December 21, 2023, via email to wscconference@nar-anon.org.

According to WSC 2023 Motion 22, "The purpose of the Common Welfare Topic (CWT) is to give all Conference members: Delegate/Alternate Delegates, Board of Trustees, Executive Director, and World Service Committee Chairs, an opportunity to submit topics and issues of concern that affect Nar-Anon groups and members worldwide."

The WSC Committee may delete or combine similar topics and will send out a poll on January 20, 2024, to the World Service Board, World Service Committees, and the regions. The regions will send the poll to their Group Service Representatives (GSRs) All replies to the poll with their Common Welfare Topics preferences must be made by March 20, 2024, by 12:00 PM (noon) Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). The three chosen topics are added to the World Service Conference Agenda and sent out on March 20, 2024.

A Summary of Common Welfare Topics discussion is included in the minutes of the Conference on the Nar-Anon World Service Conference Webpage.

CONFERENCE APPROVAL TRACK (CAT) VOTE

The CAT contains materials defined as non-recovery literature, such as handbooks, outreach literature, project proposals, and other service-related literature that have been sent to all regional delegates by the WSC Committee for review. The CAT does not require presentation to the fellowship in the ICAR and may only receive conference approval provided the material was sent to the conference participants by January 20, 2024.

CONFERENCE APPROVED LITERATURE (CAL) VOTE

Nar-Anon/Narateen conference approved literature grows out of our need for literature and material for our personal recovery and service work. The final process for approving recovery, service, and outreach literature or materials by the fellowship takes place at the IWSC and WSC. The Conference Approved Literature up for approval are included with this ICAR.

IWSC 2024 RULES OF ORDER SUMMARY

The IWSC 2024 will be a new experience for the worldwide fellowship.

The Facilitator chairs the conference using the IWSC 2024 Standing Rules of Order to maintain serenity, encourage unity and healthy two-way communication. All activities of this conference strive to achieve the spirit of consensus-based decision making.

The standing rules will address all business of the IWSC 2024, including but not limited to, the process for world pool and WSB voting, discussion of common welfare topics, CAL and CAT approval, reports and presentations and motion writing.

The standing rules will be approved at the start of the IWSC 2024 on April 19 by simple majority of the votes and will remain in effect for the duration of the IWSC 2024. The standing rules are applied in conjunction with the Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of Service of Nar-Anon Family Groups.

The discussion of the common welfare topics will take place in three rounds to give equal opportunity for people to share. We will do so by utilizing the three A's of recovery: Awareness, Acceptance, and Action.

The full details of the proposed IWSC 2024 Rules of Order will be released January 20, 2024.

IWSC 2024 AGENDA SUMMARY

The IWSC 2024 will take place April 19 – 21, 2024, starting at 6:00 AM – 1:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). It is scheduled for 7 hours per day with a 30-minute break and multiple recesses.

The detailed agenda for the IWSC 2024 may include:

- Welcome from the World Service Board Chair and the Executive Director
- Introduction of World Service Board
- Standing Rules of Order vote
- IWSC Agenda approval vote
- CAT Vote
- CAL Vote
- Election of Nominees to the World Pool
- Election of World Service Board Members from the World Pool
- Eleven WS Committee Presentations
- Four WSC 2023 Ad Hoc Reports
- Three Common Welfare Topic Discussions
- Possibility of Motion Writing for the WSC 2025

INTERIM WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE (IWSC) 2024 - MOTIONS

Motion 01

To approve Tradition Four to be used by the fellowship until it is incorporated in The Nar-Anon Thirty-Six.

Once approved, they will be joined with the first three traditions already approved in 2023. Changes to the Twelve Traditions of The Nar-Anon Thirty-Six will be permitted until the complete Twelve Tradition volume of The Nar-Anon Thirty-Six has been approved by the conference.

[See Attachment to ICAR Motion 01 – Tradition Four]

Motion Applies To: Literature

Maker: World Service Literature Committee

Intent: This will add to the Twelve Traditions volume of The Nar-Anon Thirty-Six currently available to the fellowship.

Rationale: This is in accordance with the Literature Priority List approved at the 2023 World Service Conference.

Financial Impact: Sale of this publication will generate an undetermined amount of income.

Motion 02

To approve the Fourth Step Workbook to be used by the fellowship.

Changes to the Fourth Step Workbook will be permitted until the missing sections are complete and have been approved by the conference.

[See Attachment to ICAR Motion 02 – Fourth Step Workbook]

Motion Applies To: Literature

Maker: World Service Literature Committee

Intent: This will give the Nar-Anon fellowship tools for completing fourth step inventories.

Rationale: This is in accordance with the Literature Priority List approved at the 2023 World Service Conference.

Financial Impact: Sales of this publication will generate an undetermined amount of income.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE INTERIM CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT (ICAR) 2024

- 1 – Attachment to ICAR Motion 01 – Tradition Four
- 2 – Attachment to ICAR Motion 02 – Fourth Step Workbook