

MARSCNA Delegate Update

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The CAR is here.....Your Voice Counts

Words to know for the **CAR** (Conference Agenda Report):

Conference Agenda Report (CAR) - A publication that consists of business and issues that will be considered during the WSC meeting. The CAR contains motions for members of NA to vote on. Approved motions affect the world-wide fellowship of NA.

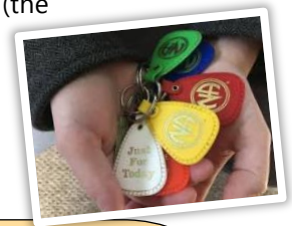
World Service Conference (WSC) – the coming together of the NA fellowship from around the globe. The WSC is the one point in our structure where the voice of NA as a whole can be heard regarding issues & concerns affecting the worldwide fellowship.

Appendix– a section or table of additional information at the end of a book or document.

Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT) – is a legal document which describes in detail how NA's *intellectual property* – our name, trademarks, & recovery literature are protected and administered by Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. The trust document consists of two parts: the trust instrument, which is the *FIPT* itself (the subject of Motion #1) and the Operational Rules (the subject of Motion #2).

Download the CAR from here:

<https://www.na.org/admin/include/spaw2/uploads/pdf/conference/2023CAR.pdf>



Motion 1: to approve adding zonal delegates from seated zones to the Settlor & Trustor of the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FIPT)*

In 2018, the conference passed **CAR** Motion #18 that Zones with 2 or more unseated NA communities would be seated, voting participants at the WSC. This became policy but the FIPT still identifies only Regional Delegates as decision makers for the FIPT and recovery literature. This motion is about updating the FIPT to include Zonal participants as decision makers as well. **These changes are from pgs 1-2 of the FIPT in Addendum A (clean copy) & B (copy with changes) in the CAR Report.**

Another change separate from above that is included here is a sentence that was added to clarify the difference between NA recovery literature and service material. This proposed clarification stems from some of the questions World Service's attorneys were asked in past court cases:

"Only NA recovery literature is designated as Fellowship Approved."

Motion 2: to approve the revisions to the *FIPT* Operational Rules contained in Addendum B.

A summary of the proposed changes shown in Addendum B:

- To clarify that only the WSC can act for the beneficiary—the NA Fellowship as a whole.
- Various "housekeeping" edits to better reflect our current structure.
 1. Changes throughout to update the references to WSC Boards and Committees. The *FIPT* was written before the World Board was created. The suggested language in the proposed revisions describes our current system, not that of 1993.
 2. More consistent terminology to refer to the *World Service Conference (WSC)*, *Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (NA World Services)*.
 3. Two edits to Article 4, Section 12: Trustee Reporting Obligation on page 15 to change *calendar year* to *each fiscal year* and to add independent to the description of the annual audit.
 4. Changing *representatives, conference participants, and RDs* to *delegates* throughout.
 5. Correcting errors by adding the word **the** on page 24 & other edits on pages 15 and 31.
 6. A change in the way the Inspection Clause is described on pg 37 of the Reader's notes.

Motion 2 continued....

The most substantive changes that are being recommended to the *FIPT* Operational Rules are to the Inspection Clause, which is Article V, Section 3 of the Operational Rules. Currently, any Regional Service Committee or equivalent service body may inspect the records & operations of the Trust on behalf of the Beneficiary, providing some conditions are met.

The proposed change in the Inspection Clause would allow the WSC, on behalf of the beneficiary, the NA Fellowship, to make the decision to undertake an inspection rather than a Region or equivalent service body.

It may be helpful to note that an inspection has only been requested once in the lifetime of the *FIPT* (since 1993). The subject of making changes to the *FIPT* was a result of this inspection request that was made by a Region.

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023wsccarsurvey>

Motion 3: To approve the revisions to NA *Intellectual Property Bulletin #1* contained in Addendum D.

Please read Addendum C & D to have the information needed to vote on this motion. Starts on page 171 in the CAR Report.....

NA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY BULLETIN #1

REVISED JULY 2010

2023 CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT PROPOSED REVISIONS

Internal Use of NA Intellectual Property



MID-ATLANTIC REGION
OF
NARCORTICS ANONYMOUS

CAR WORKSHOP
(CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT)

Saturday, February 18, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
St. John's UCC Church
36 S. 6th Street
Allentown, PA 18101

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Mid-Atlantic Region of NA
CAR Workshop
(Conference Agenda Report)

Where: First Presbyterian Church
97 South Franklin Street
Wilkes Barre, PA 18701

When: March 25th
From 12am – 5pm

Refreshments provided. Come for food, fun & fellowship. Learn about NA history