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Upcoming Events

ANNUAL 12 STEP RETREAT

Date: February 15th thru February 17th, 2019
Columbiana, Ohio

14TH ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP SERVICE CONFERENCE FOR N.A.

Date: June 14th thru June 16th, 2019
Hamburg, PA

4TH ANNUAL EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP SERVICE CONFERENCE FOR NA

Date: October 10th thru 13th, 2019
Zevenaar, The Netherlands

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My Gratitude Speaks When I Care And When I Share With Others The NA Way

The Groups of Northern Columbiana County Area of Narcotics Anonymous present...

Annual 12 Step Retreat

February 15, 16, and 17, 2019

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F.S.C. Chairperson CONFERENCE REPORT JANUARY 2019

Greetings from Springville, Utah! By the time the newsletter goes out, the motions for Old Business 2019 will be final. That being so, this conference report will be those very motions.

As the result of feedback given at the 2018 conference, Motion 3 (2019) has been split into several different returning motions so that Groups can conscience each individual bullet point on its own merit. While this motion is now eight stand-alone returning motions, they have been labeled motions 3:1-3:8 as they all spring from one original motion regarding voting procedure.

While no one can tell your Group how to come to a conscience, I would like to humble suggest we all remember that Group Conscience is more than review, debate, and voting; it involves seeking the will of the God of your understanding as it pertains to what is best for the Home Group. As the old timers have said, "Group Conscience is a collective Eleventh Step." Please start the process now so as to allow ample time for discussion, prayer, meditation and spiritual consultation.

It is also imperative that we remember the time to clarify questions is now, not on the conference floor. While it is to late to change any of the motions, it is still a very good idea to contact the motioning Group if you have any questions about the motions.

The future belongs to Group Conscience!

In Love & Service,

Chubs The Addict

2019 Chair Servant

Fellowship Service Conference (for Narcotics Anonymous)

Motion 1

Submitted by: Never Alone, Never Again Group of Texas Group
Contact: Travis (828) 734-1877

This is a first year motion. In addition to needing 80% of the quorum to pass, any "NO" vote will cause the motion to go back for reconsideration for a year. (Abstentions do not have this effect.)

Motion: ASIS maintain a stock of \$1,000 worth of literature and phone number where groups can order literature.

Intent: To function more as a formal service center

Motion 2

Submitted by: Alive & Free Group of Kentucky Group Contact: Bryan H. (606) 584-9023

This is a Returning Motion from a previous year; 80% will pass this Motion.

The "Alive and Free" Group of Narcotics Anonymous makes a motion to change the name of ASIS to "PNA" ("Pure Narcotics Anonymous") or "PNAS" ("Pure Narcotics Anonymous Service"). The acronym "PNAS" is sort of hilarious, but "PNA" should really be sufficient. This is to simplify things and because members can rarely remember what the acronym actually stands for. THAT is what bothers us. We are NOT criticizing anyone or making fun of anyone's decisions. ASIS is a cool acronym and the Alternative Service Informational Structure sounds very classy and intellectual. It was well thought through, but it's too long, too complex, and too hard to understand and remember for the average member, let alone the average newcomer. We think "PNA" will sort of let people know there is a new way (actually older way) in which we addicts can recover. It's a reformer/reformist/reformation type of deal that needs to happen/take place. Our home group does not sign papers, we don't encourage people on drug replacement to share or serve, and our meeting is closed to the public. This makes for a rich recovery atmosphere. Anyway, we love every one of ya and we hope to see you soon!

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Motion 3.1

Submitted by: Alive & Free Nomads currently located in Utah For Group Hot Line dial: ABLE-NOW-4-NA or (225) 366-9462

This is a Returning Motion from a previous year; 80% will pass this Motion. NOTE: Motion 3 has been divided into several parts as requested by another Group at the conference.

Motion Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC: All motions require 80% "Yes" votes to pass.

Intent: This motion seeks to formalize a voting procedure and give voice to the current conscience of the Groups. It is intended to have the following effects:

- Set, formalize, and clarify a distinct voting procedure at the conference.
- Keep the voting brief, to the point, and free of confusion and attempts to alter the outcome.
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Motion 3.2

Submitted by: Alive & Free Nomads currently located in Utah For Group Hot Line dial: ABLE-NOW-4-NA or (225) 366-9462

This is a Returning Motion from a previous year; 80% will pass this Motion.

NOTE: Motion 3 has been divided into several parts as requested by another Group at the conference.

Motion

Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC: Groups may vote in the following ways: "Yes"; "No"; "Abstain", "Present But Not Voting".

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Motion 3.3

Submitted by: Alive & Free Nomads currently located in Utah For

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or

(225) 366-9462

This is a Returning Motion from a previous year; 80% will pass this Motion. NOTE: Motion 3 has been divided into several parts as requested by another Group at the conference.

Motion Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC: The first year a motion is up for approval, any "No" will result in the motion not passing. In subsequent years this stipulation will not apply even if the motion is modified by the submitting Group to accommodate feedback. Groups who vote "No" are asked to submit their reasoning so that objections can be considered by other Groups and modifications made by the submitting Group if they so choose; but they are not obliged to do so.

should be a dire warning to those members who are firmly in control of the NAWS corporation. Some Groups are now adopting alternate literature and alternate literature sources, such as the Anonymi Foundation. The European Fellowship Service Conference recently released approval drafts of "Rings of Service" (an alternative to the 12 concepts) and a book titled "Grey Book Reflections" both available on Facebook. As Narcotics Anonymous spreads, many international Fellowships are translating existing or creating their own literature and may not seek the approval of NAWS. The Iranian Region has flourished in the last 25 years using literature that was translated independantly of NAWS. They produce and sell all their own literature with minimal markup because of the overwhelming financial support of the groups and this could become the model for other service structures as well. The NAWS corporation which relies on literature profits has failed to gain the support of the groups and will continue to struggle and could eventually decline. Internationally, further away from the influence of NAWS, the Fellowship continues to grow.

Written by rebelsmed 01/04/19

Now NAWs can produce new literature, modifies existing literature and have the World Service Conference authorize it as 'Fellowship Approved' without involvement of the groups, further distancing itself. It's interesting to note that even NAWs and WSC recognize it would be dangerous to modify the twelve Steps and Traditions without group approval, but for some strange reason they also burdened the groups with the task of modifying the twelve Concepts that were never approved by groups in the first place. In fact, many of the changes to available literature, particularly the ones to the original Basic Text were never authorized by groups and have placed a burden on the very groups the service structures are meant to support.



Some of the literature created up to the 1990's by the open-participatory method have been modified, professionally edited and released. The books "Living Clean", and "It Works, How and Why" were done this way. It is an interesting study to look at the differences from the approval drafts to the finished products and see the problems created. Members, particularly those who are new are adopting the new literature and accepting it as "Fellowship Approved" while some prefer older literature, considered illegal by the NAWs corporation further widening the rift. In North America, Narcotics Anonymous has seen little growth in the last 20 years, which

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Motion 3.4

Submitted by: Alive & Free Nomads currently located in Utah For Group Hot Line dial: ABLE-NOW-4-NA or (225) 366-9462

This is a Returning Motion from a previous year; 80% will pass this Motion.

NOTE: Motion 3 has been divided into several parts as requested by another Group at the conference.

Motion Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC:

Casting a vote of "Present But Not Voting" will have the effect of a vote not being cast, meaning it is not included in the quorum. Casting a vote of " Present But Not Voting" will not exclude a Group from the quorum on any other issue – It only applies to the current motion. In contrast, a vote to "Abstain" will still count as part of the quorum.

Intent: This motion seeks to formalize a voting procedure and give voice to the current conscience of the Groups. It is intended to have the following effects:

- Set, formalize, and clarify a distinct voting procedure at the conference.

- Keep the voting brief, to the point, and free of confusion and attempts to alter the outcome.
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Motion 3.5

Submitted by: Alive & Free Nomads currently located in Utah For Group Hot Line dial: ABLE-NOW-4-NA

or

(225) 366-9462

This is a Returning Motion from a previous year; 80% will pass this Motion. NOTE: Motion 3 has been divided into several parts as requested by another Group at the conference.

Motion

Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC: Any Group may submit for the record the reason they cast their vote in the manner they cast it.

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In 1992, at the annual World Service Conference, a motion was passed; Motion 3: To approve the booklet, "Twelve Concepts for NA Service" (Addendum 2).¹

Intent: Adoption of this motion will place the booklet, Twelve Concepts for NA Service, in the WSO inventory as World Service Conference-approved literature.

This booklet was approved by the conference, but never submitted to the groups for approval and therefore not Fellowship approved literature under the existing rules (hence the term 'Conference-approved'). It was meant to direct the efforts of the service structures in place of literature like "The Paths of Recovery". During the next decade, the WSO (which became the current Narcotics Anonymous World Services, or NAWS in 1998) began to control the production and use of the Narcotics Anonymous name, literature and logos by implementing the Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust (FLPT) which was never group approved. The Guide to World Services (Conference Cycle 2016–2018 Edition published for the World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous by Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc.) was created and included two sections;

- C. WSC Approval
1. The conference shall not vote on any proposals to change existing Fellowship approved NA recovery literature unless such changes have appeared in the Conference Agenda Report.
2. All literature submitted to the conference for approval requires a two-thirds majority vote of regional delegates, and it also takes a two-thirds majority vote to withdraw current NA literature from the category of approved literature.
3. Literature approved under this process is marked as Fellowship-approved.

As well as:

Changes to NAs Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts or NAs Name, Nature, or Purpose Any WSC proposal or action to change NAs Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts for NA Service or NAs name, nature, or purpose should be approved directly by the groups through a group tally process, administered according to the following guidelines:

The 12 corruptions of Narcotics Anonymous

By the time the 1980's arrived, Narcotics Anonymous was well established as a program of recovery for people who suffered with the disease of addiction. Addicts were getting clean and staying clean by following this simple program of recovery. Even members of AA were starting NA meetings with the hope of addicts finding their own solution since AA was not working well for addicts. In 1976 the first World Service Conference (WSC) was held with the intention of bringing together the groups to provide some cohesion to the growing worldwide Fellowship. The creation of literature was critically important to this Fellowship of recovering addicts because they wanted to share with others what was working for those who were staying clean. The original literature that was created was formed in an open-participatory style, with anyone showing up being able to contribute at literature conferences. The literature created would be distributed by the burgeoning service structures to as many groups as possible, who would approve the literature for use as 'Fellowship approved.' The literature distributed was referred to as approval drafts before being 'Fellowship approved' by groups. World Service Conferences were being held annually to provide direction to the World Service Office and the board of Trustees.

By the early 1990's, Narcotics Anonymous had grown to the point that the Fellowship had started to solidify a service structure. Addicts had created a critical text known as the Basic Text and other literature was widely approved and used by groups around the world. There were many strong personalities and differing opinions on the direction of our service efforts and the relationship between groups and service structures. The ways literature was produced also changed. Early attempts to define our service structure resulted in publications like "The NA Tree – First Service Manual" (1975) and "TEMPORARY WORKING GUIDE TO THE SERVICE STRUCTURE" (1984). The World Service Office (WSO) started to implement professional writers and special interest groups were used to create and modify literature, including later versions of the Basic Text. There was a great deal of literature that was available from early literature conferences that were unpublished and in approval drafts. Some remain popular like "The Paths of Recovery" (1988, this link is to one of the versions available online) and others like an approval draft of "Living Clean" (1983) but never submitted to groups for approval. The tremendous growth and power struggles resulted in a fragmented Fellowship.

Motion 3.6

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Motion Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC: GSRs, ASRs, RSRs, or any other Representative empowered by a Group to bring its conscience may not submit reasons for votes unless the Group has instructed them to do so, even if they have knowledge of such.

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- Keep the record concise and only include in the voting section of the minutes what the Groups have actually concisced.
- Separately report the opinions and questions of conference attendees.

Motion 3.7

Submitted by: Alive & Free Nomads currently located in Utah For

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OR

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This is a Returning Motion from a previous year; 80% will pass this Motion. NOTE: Motion 3 has been divided into several parts as requested by another Group at the conference.

Motion

Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC: During the voting there will be no debate or discussion other than each Group submitting reasons for their votes.

Intent: This motion seeks to formalize a voting procedure and give voice to the current conscience of the Groups. It is intended to have the following effects:

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- Eliminate debate and discussions during old business as these can result in the unintentional subversion of the conscience of the Groups.
- Keep the record concise and only include in the voting section of the minutes what the Groups have actually conscienced.
- Separately report the opinions and questions of conference attendees.
- In an ideal world this will also give Groups and NA members incentive to contact the motioning Group with any questions prior to the conference.

Medicine, Religion, and Psychiatry?

Narcotics Anonymous is built upon a few ideas that are not part of the twelve steps we use to recover from addiction. For example: ... "this is a program of complete abstinence from all drugs", "we have no dues or fees, no pledges to sign, no promises to make to anyone, we are "...addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean...".

Part of the philosophy Narcotics

Anonymous was built upon included the idea that: "...

Jail did not help us at all, Medicine, religion and psychiatry ...

(had) no answers for us we could use."

To recover from addiction.

Our earliest and most basic comprehensive literature was written by those addicts who cared enough to give it away so they could keep it.

The writing was open to any member who wanted to help and all of it was reviewed by the entire fellowship who were encouraged to input any changes or additions they thought were helpful.

This method must have offended some folks who seemed to think they

were more qualified to write than the entire fellowship. A very limited faction of members re-wrote part of our stated philosophy to: "... Most of us ended up in jail, or sought help through medicine, religion and psychiatry. None of these methods was sufficient for us." Changing our entire relationship to those institutional entities.

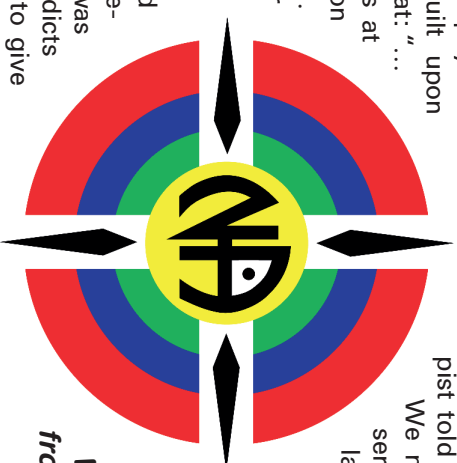
Now we are saddled with this erroneous perception. We have drug replacement members calling themselves clean because some therapist told them that they were.

We need to inventory our service errors, particularly those we made because of elitism and closing our services to full fellowship participation, and the dishonoring of complete review and input.

Written BY: J.M



from Ohio



A Miracle, Saving Lives

I remember the first time read a NA basic text. How could this little blue book save my life? I was told to just read it and talk about it with fellows, I did this. I was told to work the steps described in the text, I did this. I was told to go to meetings and share what the steps did for me, I did this. I was told when at a meeting, do service, I did this. I had no clue what I was doing, I didn't understand what happened, but working with this little blue book, started to change my life. I found a way to stay clean. I learned the power of one addict helping another, I learned that through the text, addicts are helping each other. And now after some days clean, I got a chance to work on this text. With my homegroup. In February we are hosting a translation day for the

third edition, from English to Dutch. A lot of work has already been done, by many loving fellows. Now it's time to get things done. Get a free basic text in our own language. Sharing the NA message by giving it away as it was given to us. Working on this felt like such a privilege, such a gift, but also so natural. And now to host a translation day with my homegroup, acting in unity and working together to freely spread the message of NA, that's a real blessing. Making it possible to give a newcomer a little blue book, to help save a life. Maybe one day this little blue book will no longer need another translation, but till then: let's get this done!!

Written By: Anonymous Addict The Netherlands



Vertaaldag: Third Edition, Revised - Engels naar Nederlands

Wanneer: zaterdag 2 februari 2019 van 12:00u tot ±17:00

Locatie: Schildstraat 44

6444 XM, Brunssum

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Parkeergelegenheid is naast de kerk en aan de overkant bij de supermarkt.

Voorafgaand aan de vertaaldag is er op deze locatie de wekelijkse meeting van 10:00u tot 11:30u. Let op, dit is op de eerste zaterdag van de maand een 'open' meeting. Er zullen bezoekers aanwezig zijn.

De groep van de meeting in Brunssum zal voor koffie, thee, belegde broodjes en Limburgse vlaai zorgen.

Voor meer informatie: tel. nr. 06-44788095

Motion 3.8

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Motion

Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC:

Opinions regarding the votes cast in Old Business can be expressed and questions asked of the representatives in the open discussion session which shall immediately follow the conclusion of voting unless voting is followed by a break, in which case the open discussion session will follow said break. Any member of NA is entitled to ask questions or be heard during open discussion as individual NA members

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Motion 4

Submitted by: Alive & Free Nomads currently located in Utah For

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Motion

- Eliminate the "Chair" or "Chairperson" title from FSC and ASIS titles. This would apply to any position using the title "Chair", including "Co-chair" titles.
 - We propose that all such positions be referred to as "Accommodator" (or "Co-Accommodator", etc.).
 - The definition of Accommodator as listed in a dictionary shall be recognized by this conference to mean:
noun
 1. A person or thing that accommodates.
 2. Someone who performs a service or does a favor.

NOTE: This is the definition given at freedictionary.com as of 12/15/2018. This is not an endorsement of said dictionary, only meant as a source for the information provided.
 - This applies ONLY to the lowest and broadest level of service – the Fellowship Service Conference and any ASIS committees or subcommittees directed by the Groups through the FSC.
- Intent
- To realign with our understanding of the Traditions as expressed in the Grey Book; specifically: "We choose not to have presidents, masters, chairmen or directors." (Page 95, Lines 3-4)
 - To ensure that we, as a service body, remain forever trusted servants, never effective leaders, as we believe the use of the chair title has lead to problems in what eventually became the NAW/S structure and that just because something has not been a problem to this point at the FSC, does not mean it won't become one. (Nothing is ever a past problem until the first time it becomes one.)

really lonely at times thinking I am the only one thinking this way, but I know it's a lie because I've had other people share the same experience with me so I'm not alone. I think there are other people out there who are thinking the same thoughts I have had and just don't know where to go with them or just don't know how to find the solutions to fix the problem. I spent most of my recovery involved in the known service structure frustrated and finally got to the thought, maybe I am wrong and what is the use anyway. Maybe it's the time just to get along with my personal life anyway. Maybe I'm wrong and crazy. Did anyone ever have them thoughts? You're not alone anymore. There are other solutions. The Traditions are the answers, not the concepts.

The home group I belong to decided a year and 7 months ago that it could not participate in the known service structure, that if we were to continue to call ourselves Narcotics Anonymous that it was time we stopped negotiating our Traditions to go along with the status quo. The 12 Traditions are not negotiable [3rd Ed Rev.]. So why were we negotiating them? We left the Area we belonged to and found other groups who were also feeling the same way and formed our own Area. A solution. We started to serve the needs of the groups instead of the wants of the service workers. We decided also not to belong to a Region at this time and not to belong to the World Service Conference. Some will ask, "How do you get literature then?". Our answer is that we print our own. It is the right of the Group. This might upset some

people and cause great harm. This has not gone without notice. We also would like to thank all those who have been in support of us the last few years. Your support was needed. This also has not gone without notice. You let us know that we're not alone. Narcotics Anonymous, you are beautiful. More will be revealed.

Written By: Anonymous



USA

“Unity vs Uniformity”

Our unity lies in our diversity. “The greater the base, as we grow in unity in numbers and in fellowship, the broader the sides and the higher the point of freedom.” [Basic Text, 3rd Ed. Revised]. “Goodwill is best exemplified in service and proper service is ‘Doing the right thing for the right reason.’ When this supports and motivates both the individual and the fellowship, we are fully whole and wholly free.”

We hear a lot about unity in our fellowship. What does the word “unity” mean? Or is it just a word we throw around to get people to believe in our cause? We also hear the word “disunity” utilized in our fellowship through our service structure. Who is causing the disunity? The ones pointing the finger or the ones the fingers are being pointed at. Our Traditions tell us how to deal with internal controversy, the problems that may arise out of our inability to communicate with each other at times. The Traditions of the fellowship of NA are like the Constitution and the Bill of Rights of the United States of America. Without them we would be in slavery. There would be no fellowship. Over a period of time, after looking back on our history, one must wonder if we have ever followed the Traditions. The controversy which seems to have always existed in the fellowship is just a way for the disease to manifest itself within Narcotics Anonymous. The best way for the disease to exist is to divide us through service alignments, to tell us that we have the answers and that if you disagree that you are

causing disunity. We do this in the name of group conscience, and group conscience must be right. After carefully reviewing the Second Tradition it was found to my surprise that it states, “We must be constantly on guard that our decisions are truly an expression of God’s will. There is often a vast difference between group conscience and group opinion, as dictated by powerful personalities or popularity.” [3rd Ed Rev.]

The Traditions
are the answers,
not the concepts

So, we ask who is right or who is wrong? Does there always have to be a right or wrong? Do we have the ability to think for ourselves or do we need someone to do the thinking for us? I personally have no answers, just questions. The longer I stay clean, the more questions I have. Some of ‘the questions I’ve asked myself are, what are the solutions, who has them, do I really have to be involved to stay clean, why can’t I be just like the next guy, do we really need the service structure, and if so why? Is there a way to change the service structure without being listed as a “disunifier”? If so, how? It gets

- To clarify, this cannot be applied to any level of service above FSC and ASIS. Groups, Areas, Regions, etc. (including those that call themselves “ASIS” or “FSC” areas and regions) sit above the FSC/ASIS service level and cannot be told what to do through this service body; this motion applies ONLY to the Fellowship Service Conference and **direct** subcommittees of the conference and ASIS.

Motion 5

Submitted by: Alive & Free Nomads currently located in Utah For Group Hot Line dial: ABLE-NOW-4-NA or (225) 366-9462

THIS MOTION WAS RESCINDED BY THE MOTIONING GROUP AS ANOTHER LITERATURE PROCESS WAS APPROVED AND THERE IS NOT SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT AMONG THE OTHER GROUPS TO USE THIS IN ADDITION TO THE MOTION WHICH PASSED IN 2018

For informational purposes only, the motion that was rescinded follows – THERE IS NO NEED TO CONSCIENCE THIS AS IT HAS BEEN RESCINDED BY THE MOTIONING GROUP AND WILL NOT BE ON THE AGENDA!

Motion

- Instruct the FSC to take an informal poll each year at the conference of the literature each Group uses.
- This will be accomplished by the Co-Chair sending out a request for a list of literature used by each Group with the minutes and motions each year.
- The information will be collected as part of the Group reports and thus the results of the poll will be included in the minutes as part of the Group reports. Groups are asked to specify which version(s)/ edition(s) they are using in cases of literature with multiple versions

or editions (like original IPs vs revised IPs or different versions of the Basic Text).

Intent

This is intended to:

- Strengthen the principle of Home Group approval.
- Establish a literature reporting process that simply gives voice to what Groups are using as opposed to a “majority rule”.
- Solve the dilemma of approving literature in a way that does not account for the minority in determining literature for an entire Fellowship.
- This could be used in lieu of a formal conference process until such time as the Groups establish one, and may prove to be a preferable method to a conference determining what is “Fellowship Approved” or “Conference Approved”.

This is not intended to and shall not:

- Remove the ability of the Groups to submit a motion for conference approval of any piece of literature, as is their right and past practice.
- Preclude any Group from including this type of information in their Group reports. Groups can already do this – This motion seeks to make it a conference practice to ask for the information.
- Oblige any Group to report – This only obliges the conference to ask for and report the information.

14th Annual Fellowship Service

Conference for N.A.

When: June 14th thru June 16, 2019

Where: Hamburg, PA Place. Olivet Mountain Camp

1540 Mountain Ave.

Hamburg, Pa 19526

Cost: \$95.00 per person

Price includes all meals {and lodging if needed}

There is no registration fee all money goes directly to pay for the facility and food Write checks payable to Historical Perspective Group

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Check Out Our Web www.nahelp.org/ Send check to: A.S.I.S. For NA

P.O. Box 4404 Allentown, Pa 18105 Write checks payable to Historical Perspective Group of NA (Bring sheets, pillows, Towels and soap everything else provided)

Name: _____ E - Mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone Number () - _____

Group Name _____ **Register by June 1, 2019**

Amount \$95.00 Check NO. _____

(Adversity does not build character, it Reveals it.) More Will Be Revealed.....

