

Agenda

Western States Zonal Forum

February 4-6, 2011

Albuquerque, NM

Friday, February 4, 2011

5-9pm

- Introductions
- Review of 2010 Meeting Record
- Agenda Review
- Reports
- NAWS Update and discussion

Saturday, February 5, 2011

9am-12:30pm

- Issue Discussion Topic (TBD) workshop
- Discussion on the Human Resource Panel (HRP) and elections

2-5:30pm

- Service System update and discussion
- Environmental Scanning discussion and training

Sunday, February 6, 2011

9-11:30am

- TBD by the forum

Alaska Region

WSZF Report Feb 2011

Greetings,

Wish I could attend in person, but I am hoping our skype experience gives our region something that we would not have gotten in the past.

Recovery is hanging on in the Alaska Region. We have four areas, with approximately 45 groups and 55 meetings per week. Not all groups are represented by areas. Our donations to World per their last report was down from the previous year by about 6.0%, and totals \$1,161.

At our last regional meeting(Feb 2011) we adopted a several resolutions to materially change the way our region does business.

1. We will now forward 10% of our convention net profit to world.
2. We have formally adopted a budget process and timetable.
3. Newly adopted section on election of officers
4. Final approval for the upcoming area assembly.

We have one regional convention in October each year, and this year is in Kenai.
Our webpage is

<http://www.akna.org/index.htm>

A milestone is our first translation project.

IP#1 Who, What, How, & Why in Yup'ik

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Robert

ARD Report Western States Zonal Forum(WSZF) annual meeting Feb 4-6, 2011

Overview:

I attended the complete WSZF annual meeting (agenda attached) via a combination of video, and non video from Friday through Sunday morning. My report (attached) on our region was submitted electronically. WSZF has moved from Google to Yahoo as Google stopped allowing file uploads.

Friday 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm ADST

It appears by the reports from other regions that most regions are experiencing a reduction in funding.

Ron (a member of the NA World Board(WB)) presented the views from (World Service Office(WSO), Narcotics Anonymous World Service(NAWS), and answered questions related to the Board and WSO.

- NAWS has two months operating reserve in cash. (I believe there were in the same position at the last World Service Conference(WSC))
- To attend the NA world convention events in San Diego registration will be required
- Living Clean final for approval April 2011, for approval at WSC 2012
- Large print Basic Text 6th edition now available
- Numbered special edition "It Works How and Why" available soon.
- Worldwide Zones are questioning their existence in relation to the Service Structure proposals
- WSZF will recommend will only have a written report at the next WSC (instead of a presentation)

Saturday 7:00 am - 4:22 pm ADST

IP #28 Self Support discussion hosted by Ron WB.

- Do the groups know that NAWS is hurting for \$
- Are groups/areas/regions holding on to funds that could be forwarded to NAWS
- How do groups define prudent reserve?
- The WB has had to say no to a lot more requests of assistance
 - Reduced travel of WB members
 - Reduced travel of NAWS Inc staff to support WB members
 - Reduction in the free or subsidized literature from \$700K to \$400 per year.

Human Resources Panel(HRP)

The HRP is a committee that reviews applications for nominations for potential World Service positions. Currently they blind score the applications, and eventually move a list forward of members who will be on the ballot at each WSC for available positions. Board, HRP, Facilitators. A >60.0% majority is required to be elected to the board.

- The WB wants to know if they should recommend individuals.
- The WB if they should tell us what they believe the needs are (business skills,)

Service System

The service system projects goal is to address shortcomings of our current system.

- Improve service to the local level
- Current Service structure not very adaptable to all areas/regions.

This project is very controversial, and very complex. I have attached two documents printed from the NAWS website. Member Services/NAWS Projects & Surveys

- Service System Project, August 2010, 24 pages
- Summary of the WB's Service System Discussions, Jan 2011, five pages.

The WB will be presenting Service System motions at the next WSC. The goal of these motions are for the body to agree in principle.

Environmental Scanning

Scanning is the starting point of self-improvement. Scanning is receiving fresh new input. The input is further segregated into internal and external issues.

Sunday 7:00 am - 9:28 am ADST

Conference Agenda Report(CAR) motions.

These are motions made by regions prior to the WSC. The WB almost always officially opposes the passage of CAR motions. The WB believes that the WSC should not be engaged in these motions during the meeting. (i.e. "contra to their vision of the business of the conference")

Next WSZF will be either Pacific Cascades or Washington Northern Idaho.

Summary of RD ARD terms was requested and presented.

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| Dan | 4 yr max |
| Michael | 3 yr term can have 2 3 yr term |
| Ann | 2 yr term, could server up to 8 yr |
| B??? | 4 yr term, |
| Matt | 2 yr term, up to two terms, no one has made 8 years |
| Shelly | 4 yr term |
| Ken | 2 yr term, |
| Oscar | 4 yr term, 8 yr commitment |
| Robert | 2 yr term |

Summary

I attended via a skype on a video/audio link on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday only audio was available. Freddy supplied an omni-directional microphone otherwise I would not have been able to hear very much. On Friday and Saturday quite a few power-point slide were used and without the video it would have been very difficult to follow the topics. On Sunday without the video it was very difficult to be recognized for feedback. They did in passing recognize that there had been discussions for funding assistance for the Alaska region.

Service System Update

Western States Zone

February 2011

New Timeline

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- We will propose a project for the 2012-2014 cycle to continue this work
- This model matches the “Resolution Group / Transition Group” model used for WS restructuring

Foundational Principles

- Group Focused
- Flexible
- Geographically Defined
- Purpose Driven
- Collaborative (new)
 - System rather than pyramid structure
 - Both “Vertical” and “Horizontal” cooperation
 - “You’re a [LSC, intermediate body etc] when you say you are” may not be best practice

Group Support and Local Services

- “Linear” vs “Two-track” has been discussed and straw polled as though the new model will be one or the other
- The system could be both/either, with rationale provided about why a local community may choose.

What Happens at the GSU

- Informal training and mentoring
- Discussion of group business, group sharing
- Welcome and outreach to new groups and members
- Orientation and Introduction to Service
- Informal information sharing
- Some limited, informal service (putting up fliers, supporting outreach or H&I)
- Open attendance, with at least one designated delegate from each group

Local Services (LSU)

- Local Service Board
 - Meets Monthly (or as needed)
 - Admin officers and delegates to next level
 - Oversees workgroups
 - Coordinates planning assemblies
 - Develops budgets and plan
 - Maintains external relationships
 - Sends delegate to next level of service

Local Planning Conference

- Quarterly event, not a body
- Consists of participants from both GSUs and LSUs, Local Service Board members, Project and/or workgroup leads, interested members
- One meeting a year is the Annual Planning Assembly (next slide)
- May be some focused sessions, like a session for interface with another level (collaborative) like CAR Workshops today or a training
- Primary focus: executing this quarter's step in the annual planning cycle
- Consensus decisions

Annual Assembly

- One major check-in and refocusing event in the cycle each year
- Scanning, reaffirming priorities, setting new priorities
- May complete some workgroups and begin others
- All Planning Conference Participants in attendance

Intermediate Bodies

- “Span a gap” where needed. For example, it may not be practical for the California State body to be composed of delegates from all LSUs
- Need a clear statement of purpose and scope. Perhaps a “charter.”
- Defined and formed by the next level (e.g. State) not the previous level (e.g. LUS). Perhaps “petition” to form such as conference seating now
- Not a place-holder to retain existing structure. Needs based
- Not shared services.
- More discussion, creativity, experience is needed to further define this level

State / Nation / Province

- Basic model going in: US States, Canadian Provinces, Nations elsewhere
- Identify “anomalies” in this, such as perhaps Brazil, Mexico, Russia and make appropriate adaptations.
- Additional anomalies may be, for example, New England or other smaller states which could combine

WSC Seating

- We are recommending State / Nation / Province going in because of the practicality and current size/development of the fellowship
- Some form of Zonal or restructured representation will be needed

Processes

- Still need concrete, documented processes, and have made some progress, but this continues to be a major focus of the next cycle
- Cyclical planning processes, leadership development processes, communications processes, delegation processes, decision-making processes. Much work to be done on these.

Identified Issues to Resolve

- Fund flow, including how GSU is funded (if the GSU needs funds)
- Literature distribution
- Legal issues: Corporations, insurance, RSO's
- Synching planning cycles throughout the system
- Who creates intermediate bodies?
- Who determines LSU boundaries?
- How do shared services committees work?
- State/Nation "Anomalies" and how to identify and resolve
- Further seating criteria

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