

WSC 2026 Comprehensive Delegate Report

Summary of Decisions, Delegate Vote Record, and Financial Impact Review

Delegate Vote Summary

YES: Motions 1, 2, 4, 6-22, MF-2, and MF-3

MOTION 3: Initially NO on original Motion 3; YES on Motion 3-a1; after 3-a1 failed, YES on original Motion 3

NO: Motion 5

Good morning Mid-America Region.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to the Mid-America Region of Narcotics Anonymous for allowing me the opportunity to experience the 2026 World Service Conference.

This experience was truly life changing. Being able to witness Narcotics Anonymous on a global level gave me a deeper understanding of the importance of service, unity, and our shared purpose. It reminded me that NA is much bigger than any one group, area, region, or country. We are part of a worldwide fellowship carrying the same message of hope to addicts everywhere.

WSC 2026 taught me humility in ways I did not expect. It showed me the value of listening, learning, and remaining open-minded, even when perspectives differ. It also deepened my gratitude for the trusted servants who give their time, energy, and hearts to help Narcotics Anonymous continue to grow and serve addicts around the world.

I am especially grateful to the Mid-America Region for trusting me with this experience and for giving me the chance to see firsthand the global impact of NA. I return with a greater appreciation for our fellowship, a stronger commitment to service, and a renewed sense of responsibility to carry the message in all that I do.

Thank you for this opportunity, for your trust, and for allowing me to be part of something so meaningful.

Here is my lengthy report from WSC please bear with me.

Executive Overview

The 2026 World Service Conference was framed by the 50th anniversary of the WSC and the conference theme, Our Common Welfare. The original decision summary reports 148 voting members participating, including 133 regional and zonal delegates and 15 World Board members. The conference included 127 participating regional delegates out of 128 seated regions and all 6 seated zones. Participants came from 47 countries and spoke or signed 31 languages.

The body adopted a broad package of decisions covering recovery literature, the 2026-2029 NA World Services Strategic Plan, the future frequency of the World Convention, multiple project plans, seating of Afghanistan Region and Region 10 Brazil, process changes in GWSNA, the 2026-2029 NAWS budget, the reimbursement policy, minutes, and two motions from the floor.

Our voting pattern shows consistent support for the World Board project-plan package and adopted conference decisions, with two notable exceptions or qualifications: Motion 3 required a staged decision process related to the frequency of WCNA, and Motion 5 was opposed because it proposed replacing human live language interpretation with AI interpretation solutions for WSC meetings.

Financially, the most significant decisions were Motion 3, Motion 16, Motion 21, and the conference planning results that identified financial constraints and fund flow as important strategic challenges. Motion 3 directly connects WCNA frequency and site selection to fiscal and geographic considerations and a goal of at least revenue neutrality. Motion 16 approved the 2026-2029 NAWS budget. Motion 21 adopted the 2026-2029 Reimbursement Policy. Together, these decisions reflect a conference emphasis on prudent use of Fellowship resources, predictable budgeting, and financial responsibility while continuing to support worldwide participation and services.

Conference Context and Participation

The WSC 2026 decision summary records several participation milestones. Brazil Central, Iran Region #1, Nordeste Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul, and Thailand participated for the first time as seated members. The conference also decided to seat Afghanistan Region and Region 10 Brazil.

The international nature of the conference matters when reviewing the decisions. Many motions were about access, language, service tools, literature development, public relations, local service support, and the ability of NA World Services to serve a global Fellowship. This context also informs the financial decisions, because worldwide participation requires translation, interpretation, travel support, technology, event planning, and reimbursement systems.

Complete Delegate Vote Record

This table records our stated vote on each motion and summarizes the conference result. For Motion 3, the table reflects the sequence you described: original Motion 3 was initially opposed, Motion 3-a1 was supported, and after Motion 3-a1 failed, the original Motion 3 was supported.

Motion	Maker	Subject	Our Vote	Conference Result	Report Note
1	World Board	Approve revised IP #21, Staying Clean in Isolation, replacing The Loner - Staying Clean in Isolation.	YES	Adopted; final vote 130-0-0-0, unanimous support.	Literature update with current Fellowship experience.
2	World Board	Adopt the collaboratively created 2026-2029 NA World Services Strategic Plan.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 122-4-4-1, 93.85% consensus support.	Sets strategic direction for the cycle.
3	World Board	Hold WCNA every 5 years beginning in 2028; location determined by the World Board based on fiscal and geographic considerations and at minimum revenue-neutral event.	INITIAL NO; then YES after amendment failed	Final vote 101-29-2-0, 76.52% strong support; motion carried.	Major financial and event-planning decision; protects resources and gives the World Board flexibility.
3-a1	Arizona Region	Amend Motion 3 from a 5-year WCNA cycle to a 3-year cycle.	YES	Failed; final vote 43-82-3-3, 33.59% lack of strong support.	You supported maintaining a more frequent convention cycle, but after the amendment failed supported original Motion 3.
4	Arizona Region and co-makers	Create a project plan for WSC 2029 to explore booklength literature for incarcerated members on tablets.	YES	Carried; final vote 102-26-2-1, 78.40% strong support.	Supports access to literature for incarcerated members.
5	South Florida Region and co-makers	Direct the World Board to implement AI interpretation solutions for WSC meetings to replace current human live interpretation.	NO	Failed by initial straw poll, 24-102-5-0, 18.32% consensus not in support.	Opposition aligned with not replacing human interpretation through a CAR motion.
6	World Board	Approve project plan for Fellowship Awareness and Engagement with PR Service.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 137-3-6-0, 93.84% consensus support.	PR service engagement.
7	World Board	Approve project plan for Raising Public Awareness of NA.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 134-4-8-0, 91.78% consensus support.	Public awareness.
8	World Board	Approve project plan for New Recovery Informational Pamphlets.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 135-5-6-0, 92.47% consensus support.	New recovery literature; focus later identified as Disruptive and Predatory Behavior.
9	World Board	Approve project plan for Revising Existing Recovery Informational Pamphlets.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 133-8-5-0, 91.10% consensus support.	Revisions; focus later identified as next steps in gender-neutral language, beginning with IP #1.
10	World Board	Approve project plan for Issue Discussion Topics.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 131-5-10-0, 89.73% consensus support.	IDTs focused on service, welcoming, and group/area themes.
11	World Board	Approve project plan for New and Revised Service Tools.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 131-5-9-1, 90.34% consensus support.	Service tools; focus on A Guide to Local Services and The Group Booklet/IP #2.
12	World Board	Approve project plan for Safety and Belonging/Gender-Neutral Language.	YES	Carried; final vote 115-24-3-4, 80.99% consensus support.	Supports safety, belonging, and language work.

13	World Board	Approve project plan for DRT/MAT - Helping Members Take Root.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 129-11-5-1, 88.97% consensus support.	Addresses DRT/MAT-related service and recovery concerns.
14	World Board	Approve project plan for Generational and Cultural Diversity.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 122-11-10-3, 85.31% consensus support.	Supports inclusion across age and culture.
15	World Board	Approve project plan for Three-Year Conference Cycle.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 133-7-6-0, 91.10% consensus support.	Supports work on the three-year conference cycle.
16	World Board	Approve the 2026-2029 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Budget.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 125-7-13-1, 86.21% consensus support.	Central financial decision approving the cycle budget.
17	World Board	Seat Afghanistan Region.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 124-11-8-3, 86.71% consensus support.	Expands conference seating.
18	World Board	Seat Region 10 Brazil.	YES	Carried; final vote 127-14-2-3, 88.81% consensus support.	Expands conference seating.
19	World Board	Remove roll call votes from GWSNA beginning WSC 2026.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 107-16-6-2, 82.95% consensus support.	Updates decision-making process.
20	World Board	Add language to GWSNA allowing a participant to request reconsideration of a decision during the same business session when new information is brought.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 112-10-8-1, 86.15% consensus support.	Creates a process for reconsideration in limited circumstances.
21	World Board	Adopt the 2026-2029 Reimbursement Policy.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 136-2-6-2, 94.44% consensus support.	Financial governance and equitable participation decision.
22	World Board	Approve the 2025 Interim World Service Conference minutes.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 122-2-4-3, 95.31% consensus support.	Approves prior minutes.
MF-2	World Board	Adopt as WSC policy: no longer utilize a seating workgroup.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 129-10-1-2, 92.14% consensus support.	Process change related to seating.
MF-3	World Board	For 2026-2029, submit ideas for recovery literature, IDTs, or service material into the CAR survey process rather than individual motions for project plans.	YES	Adopted by initial straw poll, 124-14-3-4, 87.94% consensus support.	Shifts project idea prioritization into the CAR survey/planning process.

Financial Decisions and Financial Impact Review

The original decision summary does not provide detailed budget line items but it does record several decisions and planning results with direct financial significance. The most important financial items are summarized below.

1. Motion 3 - WCNA Frequency and Revenue-Neutral Requirement

Motion 3 approved holding the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous every five years beginning in 2028. It also assigned site selection to the World Board based on fiscal and geographic considerations that support, at minimum, a revenue-neutral event.

We originally voted NO on the original Motion 3, voted YES on Motion 3-a1 to change the WCNA cycle from five years to three years, and after Motion 3-a1 failed, voted YES on the original Motion 3. The report should therefore show both our preference for a shorter convention cycle and our final support for the adopted policy once the amendment did not carry.

Financially, the adopted motion is a stewardship decision. It recognizes that large global events carry cost, attendance, contracting, staffing, and travel risks. By requiring consideration of revenue neutrality and by giving the World Board flexibility in location selection, the motion places financial responsibility ahead of a fixed convention pattern.

The failed Motion 3-a1 would have preserved a more frequent three-year convention cycle. The World Board response in the original summary explained that rising meeting costs, reduced in-person attendance, and reduced staffing made a five-year cycle the more responsible recommendation and warned that more frequent WCNAs could affect NAWS ability to provide regular services.

2. Motion 16 - 2026-2029 NAWS Budget

Motion 16 approved the 2026-2029 Narcotics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Budget. You voted YES. The motion was adopted with the results of the initial straw poll: 125 yes, 7 no, 13 abstentions, and 1 present-not-voting, representing 86.21% consensus support.

This was the central financial authorization for the cycle. Approval of the budget provides the financial framework for NAWS operations, projects, services, and conference-cycle work. Because many of the adopted motions were project plans, the budget decision is tied to whether those projects can be responsibly staffed, prioritized, and delivered within available resources.

From a delegate-report perspective, our YES vote on Motion 16 can be described as support for the budget as presented and support for aligning the adopted strategic plan and project priorities with the financial plan for 2026-2029.

3. Motion 21 - 2026-2029 Reimbursement Policy

Motion 21 adopted the 2026-2029 Reimbursement Policy. You voted YES. The motion was adopted with the results of the initial straw poll: 136 yes, 2 no, 6 abstentions, and 2 present-not-voting, representing 94.44% consensus support.

The reimbursement policy is a financial governance tool. It affects how service-related expenses are handled, how participation costs are supported, and how NAWS applies consistent reimbursement rules during the conference cycle. In a worldwide Fellowship, reimbursement policy also has a participation impact because travel, lodging, and service expenses can affect who is able to serve.

Our YES vote supports a clear, cycle-specific reimbursement framework and helps reinforce responsible and predictable handling of service expenses.

4. Financial Constraints Identified in Planning

In the planning session, conference participants identified external and internal factors that could challenge or support NA in pursuing its vision. Financial constraints were selected by 40% of participants in the external factors poll. The document lists examples such as tariffs/cost, bitcoin, and legal/tax implications. Internally, disruption and bottleneck in flow of funds was selected by 29% of participants.

These planning results matter because they show that financial sustainability was not limited to one motion. The conference recognized finances as part of the larger environment affecting NAWS, local services, global services, and the ability to deliver the strategic plan.

5. Financial Issues in New Idea Proposals

The new idea proposal list included financial sustainability concepts even when they were not adopted as motions. For example, the Irish Region proposed a streaming subscription service that could provide access to literature and resources for an affordable monthly subscription, with newcomers receiving free access codes. The stated financial logic was to respond to changing reading habits, support Seventh Tradition income, and reduce printing and shipping costs.

The new idea proposal section also included multiple WCNA-related proposals focused on financial planning, risk mitigation, scalable contracting, convention bids, host cities, and global participation. These did not become adopted motions in the same way as Motion 3, but they show that the future of WCNA is tied to financial sustainability, participation, and operational risk.

6. Financial Meaning of Motion 5 Vote

Motion 5 proposed replacing human live language interpretation with AI interpretation solutions for WSC meetings. You voted NO, and the motion failed with consensus not in support. While the motion was framed around language access and efficiency, it also had financial and operational implications because replacing interpretation services with AI would involve technology procurement, data ownership questions, privacy safeguards, reliability concerns, and potential implementation costs.

Our NO vote can be reported as opposition to a mandatory replacement of human interpretation through a CAR motion, especially given the risks and uncertainties around AI, confidentiality, data ownership, and the administration of WSC meetings.

Thematic Analysis of Adopted Decisions

Recovery Literature and Member Access

Motion 1 updated IP #21, Staying Clean in Isolation, replacing The Loner - Staying Clean in Isolation. Our YES vote supported keeping Fellowship-approved recovery literature current and relevant.

Motions 8 and 9 approved project plans for new recovery informational pamphlets and revision of existing recovery IPs. The later straw polls identified Disruptive and Predatory Behavior as the focus for new recovery IP work and gender-neutral language as the focus for revisions, beginning with IP #1.

Motion 4 authorized a project plan for exploring booklength literature access for incarcerated members on tablets. Our YES vote supported deeper investigation into digital literature access for members who are incarcerated.

Public Relations, Awareness, and Fellowship Engagement

Motions 6 and 7 approved project plans for Fellowship Awareness and Engagement with PR Service and Raising Public Awareness of NA. Our YES votes supported stronger public relations work and broader awareness of NA.

The CAR survey and project prioritization sections show ongoing interest in helping addicts find NA, improving service engagement, and strengthening local service tools.

Service System and Local Service Tools

Motions 10 and 11 approved project plans for Issue Discussion Topics and New and Revised Service Tools. The focus for new and revised service tools was later identified as A Guide to Local Services and The Group Booklet, including IP #2 The Group.

Motion MF-3 changed the way project ideas for literature, IDTs, and service material will be offered and prioritized during the 2026-2029 cycle by moving them through the CAR survey rather than individual project-plan motions. Our YES vote supported a more integrated planning and prioritization process.

Safety, Belonging, Diversity, and DRT/MAT

Motion 12 approved the Safety and Belonging/Gender-Neutral Language project plan. Motion 13 approved DRT/MAT - Helping Members Take Root. Motion 14 approved Generational and Cultural Diversity. Our YES votes supported project work addressing belonging, inclusion, and the needs of a changing Fellowship.

These decisions align with CAR survey themes and new idea discussions about welcoming newcomers, disruptive and predatory behavior, DRT/MAT, generational and cultural differences, and safety in NA spaces.

Conference Process and Governance

Motion 15 approved work on the Three-Year Conference Cycle. Motions 19 and 20 updated GWSNA by removing roll call votes and adding a limited process for reconsideration of a decision when new information comes forward in the same business session.

MF-2 adopted a policy to no longer utilize a seating workgroup. Motions 17 and 18 seated Afghanistan Region and Region 10 Brazil. Together, these decisions changed how the conference functions, who participates, and how future seating and decision-making processes are handled.

Suggested Delegate Statement on Votes

We voted YES on Motions 1, 2, 4, 6 through 22, MF-2, and MF-3 because we believed these motions supported the direction of the Fellowship, strengthened our service system, approved necessary project work, and supported responsible planning for the 2026-2029 conference cycle.

On Motion 3, we originally voted NO on the original five-year WCNA proposal because we supported a more frequent World Convention cycle. We voted YES on Motion 3-a1, which would have changed the frequency from five years to three years. After Motion 3-a1 failed, We voted YES on the original Motion 3 because the conference still needed a

workable policy for WCNA, and the adopted motion included important financial safeguards through fiscal and geographic considerations and a goal of at least a revenue-neutral event.

We voted NO on Motion 5 because we did not support replacing current human live language interpretation with AI interpretation solutions through a CAR motion. The concerns included implementation risk, privacy and data ownership issues, reliability, and the importance of preserving effective human language access at WSC meetings.

We voted YES on Motion 16, the 2026-2029 NAWS budget, and Motion 21, the 2026-2029 Reimbursement Policy, because responsible financial planning and clear reimbursement practices are necessary for NAWS to carry out the strategic plan, support worldwide participation, and steward Fellowship resources responsibly.

Conclusion

The WSC 2026 decisions reflect a conference focused on service planning, literature development, worldwide participation, financial responsibility, and adapting NA service to current realities. Our voting record shows broad support for the adopted package of World Board project plans, conference process updates, seating decisions, budget approval, reimbursement policy, and planning-system changes.

The two most important vote explanations are Motion 3 and Motion 5. On Motion 3, our final YES vote should be understood in the context of our initial preference for a three-year WCNA cycle and our support for Motion 3-a1. On Motion 5, our NO vote should be understood as opposition to replacing human interpretation with AI interpretation through a policy motion, not opposition to improving access or communication.

Financially, the report should emphasize that WSC 2026 approved the 2026-2029 NAWS budget, adopted the reimbursement policy, and changed WCNA policy in a way that prioritizes revenue neutrality, fiscal prudence, and responsible use of Fellowship resources.