

We agree with the world board as far as they go in their “Thoughts on Resolution A” (2004 CAR “conference agenda report” agende de reportage du conference). World Services has undeniably gone through remarkable change in the past half dozen years. The Board has earned the respect and gratitude of the entire fellowship through its leadership. Since 1998, they shepherded us through:

- Resolution B, the consolidation of three boards into one
- Resolution C1, the reorganization of WSC conference committees
- Resolution E, the consolidation of three budgets into one
- Resolution F, the creation of the world pool
- Resolution G, The creation of the Human Resource Panel
- Implementation of a two-year conference cycle
- Changed the RSR’s job description to become a world service trusted servant
- Encouraged consensus based decision-making

While all these changes were necessary, without Resolution A they are insufficient to fulfilling our vision:

Our vision is that one day:

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
- NA communities worldwide and NA world services work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to carry our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

As our commonly held sense of the highest aspirations that set our course, our vision is our touchstone, our reference point, inspiring all that we do. Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of these ideals.

In all our service efforts we rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.

At the 1999 WSC, a straw poll was taken for the purpose of providing direction: “Should the World Board continue to gather information from the fellowship regarding Resolution A for the purpose of making further recommendations in the future?” The poll resulted in broad consensus agreement of 110 voting participants (including world board members). One person disagreed.

Regarding Resolution A, the world board expressed it best in the November 1999 Conference Report, *“In order for that expertise to emerge, we believe it best for the World Board to get out of the way. We will be glad to provide an outline of the presentation on Resolution A from WSC’99 to anyone who requests it; other than that, we intend to allow this issue the time it needs for a solution to emerge.”*

The wisdom of the world board has borne fruit. Now after four years of worldwide discussion and deliberation, a viable plan has emerged in motions 17 & 18.

In that watershed conference of 1996 in Greensboro, NC, our loving higher power expressed itself in the fellowship's group conscience by passing Resolution A by a 4 to 1 margin.

Motions 17 and 18 invite us all to take the last step, setting the stage to accomplish our Vision. How is changing the FIPT (Motion 17) the next critical step in creating a diversified conference and a more effective worldwide fellowship? Changing the FIPT is a necessary detail in implementing Resolution A. This detail, while confusing, is a simple housekeeping task. It changes the trustor from regional delegates to fellowship representatives as we move to the new, smaller, more diverse world service conference. Similar to the title change of Regional Service Representative to Regional Delegate, Motion 17 merely keeps up with the WSC participants' title change.

Happily, there is an added benefit of this housekeeping task. Passing Motions 17 and 18 entitles the fellowship to discuss the proposed changes for a full two years before a decision is actually made. We believe that by thoroughly discussing, and inviting a loving higher power into these discussions, the best approach to implementing Resolution A will be revealed.

We agree wholeheartedly with the WB's observation that there is no need to change the entire service structure. The groups continue to carry out our primary purpose, addict to addict. The areas still support the groups by providing services such as PI, H&I, and phonelines; the regions continue to coordinate services and facilitate conversations between areas. The world board is correct in its evaluation that these parts of our structure need no change, and indeed they won't change. The change brought about by implementing Resolution A is limited to how World Service Conference Participants are selected.

Although members of the world board may personally oppose the implementation of Resolution A, they neither move to rescind it nor offer constructive implementation solutions of their own. Regrettably, the board offers no explanation whatsoever to help us understand what changed their position from "stepping out of the way" to opposing implementation.

*Moving Forward . . . Toward Our Vision* is the theme of the upcoming World Service Conference. The world board represents their strategic framework in a sketch of a boat sailing down a river toward the ocean. By recommending against passage of motions 17 & 18, we are left hanging with one foot on the dock and one foot on the boat, unable to move toward our common vision.

In conclusion, in their October 1995 report, the Resolution Group suggested that the world board "Address the fear of changing the service structure. This fear is rampant within world services (it is less of an issue within the fellowship itself). Once this fear is dealt with, the transition plans—both strategic and tactical—will be much less difficult to develop and execute." By setting aside their own fears, we invite the world board to help us all set aside our own.

In Loving Service,

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