

2018 FSC

Motions to be Group Conscienced

Motion 2

This is a Second Year Motion; 80% will pass this Motion.

**Made by The Historical Perspectives Group
Allentown, Pennsylvania, USA**

Motion:

To put the Five Essential Tools I.P. up for approval

Motion

Yes 10

No 2

Abstain 2

Present but not voting 3

Kevin, Honest desire group wondered what does approved really mean?

Hank abstention, grey book group, abstained because group has no experience with this IP

Motion:

First Year Motion: from historical perspective group

#2

New Proposal for The Fellowship Service Conference

Proposal

To establish a Literature Coordinator,
a Literature committee, to ASSIST
and Serve as a "Go Between" for
the Group writing Projects and efforts.

INTENT

To help assist in the process of
Groups sending writings out to the
other Participating Groups, for the purpose
of input and review, if requested; AND
to Host the Fellowship Literature Conference,
Directed by the NA Home Groups.

The NA Home Groups will develop the
Guidelines that the committee will be
directed to follow.

Proposal By The Historical
Perspective Group NA

Motion

This is the updated motion from the Kentucky Alive & Free Group:

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!

Alive & Free Nomads Group

Springville, Utah, USA

- **4 Motions submitted as New Business in 2017 to be voted as Old Business in 2018.**
- **1 Motion submitted as New Business in 2016, voted on as Old Business in 2017 and returning for vote in 2018.**
- **0 Motions submitted as New Business this year.**
- **5 Motions Total.**
- **All of these motions include revisions based on feedback and our Group Conscience.**
- **The numbers applied to each motion are for our Group's purposes. The Co-Chair may assign any numbering system to these motions that works for the conference purposes.**

Note about these motions: Each motion is one complete motion. The bullet points should not be voted on separately, as they are simply there to simplify and clarify each distinct aspect of the respective motions. If your Group disagrees with a particular bullet point or has questions, please contact our Group for clarification or discussion. If we are contacted immediately, and our Group conscience agrees we can make modifications before the final deadline. If the deadline has already passed, you can still call us with questions and clarification issues.

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Alive & Free Nomads Group (Springville, Utah)
Motion #2018A
FIRST YEAR MOTION

Motion

Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC:

- All motions require 80% “Yes” votes to pass.
- Groups may vote in the following ways: “Yes”; “No”; “Abstain”, “Not Voting”.
- 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.
- “Not Voting” will have the effect of a vote not being cast, meaning it is not included in the quorum. Casting a vote of “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.)
- Any Group may submit for the record the reason they cast their vote in the manner they cast it.
- 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.
- During the voting there will be no debate or discussion other than each Group submitting reasons for their votes. Opinions can be expressed and questions asked of the representatives in the open discussion session which shall immediately follow the ***conclusion*** of voting.

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 record concise and only include in the voting section of the minutes what the Groups have actually constricted.
- Separately report the opinions and questions of conference attendees.
- Keep the voting brief, to the point, and free of confusion and attempts to alter the outcome.
- Eliminate debate and discussions during old business as these can result in the unintentional subversion of the conscience of the Groups.
- In an ideal world this will also give Groups and NA members incentive to contact Groups who make motions and ask questions ***before*** the conference.

Alive & Free Nomads Group (Springville, Utah)

Motion #2018B

FIRST YEAR MOTION

Motion

- Require all Representatives to submit any motions ***immediately*** upon arrival to the conference in writing.
- Require motions to be put in writing by the Group(s) making a motion, rather than being written from memory by the Representative upon arrival.

Intent

- To ensure that motions are made by NA Home Groups and not conjured on the conference floor.
- To protect the conscience of the Groups; to ensure that motions are submitted exactly as the Group(s) conscience them.

Alive & Free Nomads Group (Springville, Utah)

Motion #2018C

FIRST YEAR MOTION

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 “Secretary” (or “Co-Secretary”).
- 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, that we use titles which imply service rather than authority.
- To ensure that we, as a service body, remain forever trusted servants, never effective leaders.
- 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.

Alive & Free Nomads Group (Springville, Utah)

Motion #2018D

FIRST YEAR MOTION

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.

Alive & Free Nomads Group (Springville, Utah)

Motion #2017A

RETURNING MOTION

Motion

- For the Groups who participate in the Fellowship Service Conference to voice their approval of the Baby Blue edition of the NA Basic Text through this conference.
- The “Baby Blue Edition of the NA Basic Text” applies to:
 - any Basic Text that is the result of restoring the original 4th and 9th Traditions to Book One of the Third Edition Revised .
 - any Basic Text that is the result of applying the Revised Headers to the Second Edition.
 - any Basic Text that is the result of applying the Revised Headers to the Approval Draft.
- This does not apply to any such volume containing a “Book Two” or personal stories.

Intent

- To give voice to the many Groups Fellowship-wide who have conscientized the approval of the Baby Blue edition/version of the Narcotics Anonymous Basic Text.
- To clarify, the Groups of this conference recognized the Approval Draft and Second Edition at its founding. This motion does not include those books for that reason – They have already been approved.
- This motion does *not* replace any writings cited as literature on which this conference was founded, nor does it make the Baby Blue a part of that body of work.