

FSC
Current Motions
For Old Business 2019

These are the motions as they currently stand! They are not final and are currently open for input and review. Please contact the motioning Group to give input. When contacting a Group, please clarify whether you are giving input as an NA member or are delivering the conscience of your Home Group.

Only the motioning Group can make changes to the motions, so all input needs to go through the motioning Groups, respectively.

The deadline for Groups to make changes to their motions is December 31, 2018, as the final motions will be published the first week of 2019.

The numbers assigned to this year's motions do not correlate to previous years; they have been updated for simplicity.

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!

Motion 3

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: There is a good chance this motion will be divided into several motions based on feedback given at the conference. If that is the case, it will be numbered as Motion #3A, 3B, 3C, etc.

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 concisenced.
- 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.

Motion 4
Submitted by: Alive & Free Nomads currently located in Utah
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This is a Returning Motion from a previous year; 80% will pass this Motion.

NOTE: According to the motioning Group this motion will definitely be rescinded or amended, so this will definitely not be the final version.

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.

Motion 5
Submitted by: Alive & Free Nomads currently located in Utah
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(225) 366-9462

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

NOTE: According to the motioning Group there is a very strong probability that this motion will rescinded. If you do not wish to see it rescinded please let the motioning Group know so they can take it under advisement.

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.