

FSC
Final Motions
For Old Business 2019

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 3.1

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: Motion 3 has been divided into several parts as requested by another Group at the conference.

Motion

Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC:

All motions require 80% “Yes” votes to pass.

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 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.

Motion 3.2

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Motion

Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC:

Groups may vote in the following ways: “Yes”; “No”; “Abstain”, “Present But Not Voting”. ➤

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- Keep the voting brief, to the point, and free of confusion and attempts to alter the outcome.
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Motion 3.3

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Motion

Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC:

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; but they are not obliged to do so.

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Motion 3.4

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Motion

Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC:

Casting a vote of “Present But Not Voting” will have the effect of a vote not being cast, meaning it is not included in the quorum. Casting a vote of “ Present But 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.

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Motion 3.5

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Motion

Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC:

Any Group may submit for the record the reason they cast their vote in the manner they cast it.

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- 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.

Motion 3.6

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Motion

Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC:

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.

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- 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.
- Keep the record concise and only include in the voting section of the minutes what the Groups have actually conscienced.
- Separately report the opinions and questions of conference attendees.

Motion 3.7

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Motion

Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC:

During the voting there will be no debate or discussion other than each Group submitting reasons for their votes.

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 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.
- Keep the record concise and only include in the voting section of the minutes what the Groups have actually conscientized.
- Separately report the opinions and questions of conference attendees.
- In an ideal world this will also give Groups and NA members incentive to contact the motioning Group with any questions *prior to the conference*.

Motion 3.8

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Motion

Formally adopt the following voting procedure for FSC:

Opinions regarding the votes cast in Old Business can be expressed and questions asked of the representatives in the open discussion session which shall immediately follow the conclusion of voting unless voting is followed by a break, in which case the open discussion session will follow said break. Any member of NA is entitled to ask questions or be heard during open discussion as individual NA members

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- 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.
- Keep the record concise and only include in the voting section of the minutes what the Groups have actually conscienced.
- Separately report the opinions and questions of conference attendees.

Motion 4

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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 “Accommodator ” (or “Co-Accommodator”, etc.).

- The definition of Accommodator as listed in a dictionary shall be recognized by this conference to mean:

noun

1. A person or thing that accommodates.
2. Someone who performs a service or does a favor.

NOTE: This is the definition given at freedictionary.com as of 12/15/2018. This is not an endorsement of said dictionary, only meant as a source for the information provided.

- 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:

“We choose not to have presidents, masters, chairmen or directors.” (Page 95, Lines 3-4)

- To ensure that we, as a service body, remain forever trusted servants, never effective leaders, as we believe the use of the chair title has lead to problems in what eventually became the NAWS structure and that just because something has not been a problem to this point at the FSC, does not mean it won't become one. (Nothing is ever a past problem until the first time it becomes one.)

- 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; this motion applies ONLY to the Fellowship Service Conference and ***direct*** subcommittees of the conference and ASIS.

Motion 5

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****THIS MOTION WAS RESCINDED BY THE MOTIONING GROUP AS ANOTHER LITERATURE PROCESS WAS APPROVED AND THERE IS NOT SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT AMONG THE OTHER GROUPS TO USE THIS IN ADDITION TO THE MOTION WHICH PASSED IN 2018****

For informational purposes only, the motion that was rescinded follows – THERE IS NO NEED TO CONSCIENCE THIS AS IT HAS BEEN RESCINDED BY THE MOTIONING GROUP AND WILL NOT BE ON THE AGENDA!

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.*