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NAR-ANON WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE 2012

Friday, April 20th: the WSC opened at 9:15 AM:

- The conference opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- The 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service of Nar-Anon were read as well as the SESH reading for April 20th.
- Welcome from Karen M., Board of Trustees (BOT) President.
- Introduction of the WSO Board of Trustees, the Delegates, Alternate Delegates, and World Service Committee members.
- Roll call was taken for all attendees (see list of attendees for names), 25 voting and 17 non-voting members as follows:
 - Voting: 16 delegates and 9 trustees.
 - Non-voting: 9 alternate delegates, 3 WSO staff members, 3 observers, the Chair of the WSC and Secretary of the WSC.
- **A motion from the floor** to accept the Standing Rules of the Conference as presented was made and seconded.
 - Motion CARRIED unanimously - 25 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions (25/0/0)**
- **A motion from the floor** to accept the WSC 2012 Conference Agenda.
 - Motion CARRIED unanimously, 25/0/0**

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion to accept the WSC 2010 minutes was made and seconded.

Motion CARRIED, 22/0/3

A motion to table the agenda item to correct WSC 2008 minutes until such time as the prior and corrected minutes can be presented to the Conference.

Motion to table - CARRIED unanimously, 25/0/0

Motions from the CAR that were ruled out of order were brought before the Conference.

Motion 5: During the next review and revisions of the bluebook, change the language in the blue book to be gender neutral i.e. he/she or they, them, themselves etc.

- Challenge to chair's ruling made from the floor. Parliamentarian present reviewed chair's ruling. Chair's ruling stands. Could be brought to conference as new business motion. Would apply to 2014 conference.

Motion 11: To approve the use of the Unity Prayer in Nar-Anon meetings and literature. The prayer is: "I put my hand in yours and together we can do what we could never do alone. No longer is there a sense of hopelessness. No longer must we depend upon our own unsteady willpower. We are all together now, reaching out our hands, for a power and strength greater than our own. And as we join hands, we find love and understanding beyond our wildest dreams."

- Chair's out of order ruling was challenged under "motion to reconsider" process of Roberts.
- Clarifications from Chair: no reconsideration of motions from previously closed business meetings.
- Motion to "suspend the rules" can be made, rules are suspended and motion can be dealt with.
- **A motion**, to suspend rules for reconsideration of WSC 2010 motion made and seconded.
 - Motion to suspend rules - FAILED, 8/15/2**
- No challenges to the Chair. Out of Order ruling stands.

Recess for break at 11:15 AM; reconvene at 11:30 AM

- Roll Call - 25 voting members present.



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Motion to correct WSC 2008 minutes brought back from table.

- Minutes originally read:
 - Create a moratorium on non-literature related motions for two complete conference cycles.
- Corrected minutes read:
 - Create a moratorium on non-literature **repeat** related motions for two complete conference cycles.

Motion to correct minutes - CARRIED, 20/0/5

Motion 17: To amend a previously adopted motion, Moratorium motion #1 from the WSC 2008 which reads as follows:

"Create a moratorium on non-literature related repeat motions for two complete conference cycles."

Amend this motion to read:

"A moratorium shall exist on motions submitted to the WSC which are substantially the same as motions included in a CAR that failed at either of the two preceding conferences."

This motion shall take effect upon approval by the conference.

Motion 17 – CARRIED, 22/1/2

Motion 18: To amend a previously adopted motion, Moratorium motion #2 from the WSC 2008 which reads as follows:

"Create a moratorium on motions to change existing CAL for two complete conference cycles."

Amend this motion to read:

"Upon conference approval of an alteration, or alterations, to an existing conference approved recovery literature document, a moratorium of two complete conference cycles on motions for further changes shall take effect. The moratorium shall not apply in the event of changes required to eliminate plagiarism."

This motion shall take effect upon approval by the conference.

Motion 18 – CARRIED, 23/1/1

- The Chair asked for members with concerns regarding motions in the CAR to come forward before the motions were brought before the conference.
 - Cheryl Q., Ontario delegate, **withdrew Motion #4:** That the World Service newsletter, currently mailed out to paid subscribers, be made available for free, online at the World Service website.

Ratification of motion from WSC 2010 New Business (WSC 2010 Floor Motion); Motion 1:

WSO develop a comprehensive **and secure** database for regions around the world. The database for regions **may** include first and last name, phone number, address and email address for the following regional positions:

- Regional Chair
- Regional Vice Chair
- Regional Secretary
- Regional Treasurer
- Delegate
- Alternate Delegate
- Other Regional committee chairs such as **Outreach, Events** etc.

Motion 1, as amended - CARRIED unanimously, 25/0/0



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**Recess for break at 12:40 PM; reconvene at 1:05 PM
Working Lunch**

- Roll Call - 25 voting members present.

Motion 22: To formally approve 5 logo styles which were derived from the logo change approved at the WSC 2008 and have been in use since that time on our literature and our website.

Motion 22 - CARRIED, 24/0/1

Motion 6: To request that the Nar-Anon Fellowship create a project to develop a three dimensional version of the existing Nar-Anon logo. The logo represents the concepts of Nar-anon, the tools used for growth and ultimately the goal of the program. This is suggested by invisible lines projecting upward from the intersecting lines and circular portions of the logo. They eventually meet and form a common goal of the program.

Friendly Amendment to Motion 6: To request that the Nar-Anon Fellowship, **under the delegation of the Literature Committee to one or more Regional Literature Committee(s)**, create a project to develop a three dimensional version of the existing Nar-Anon logo. The logo represents the concepts of Nar-anon, the tools used for growth and ultimately the goal of the program. This is suggested by invisible lines projecting upward from the intersecting lines and circular portions of the logo. They eventually meet and form a common goal of the program.

Motion from the floor, to indefinitely postpone **Motion 6** made and seconded.

Motion to indefinitely postpone – CARRIED, 24/0/1

Motion 9: WSO will research and develop cost analysis of a plan which will allow countries (except in US, Canada, and Mexico) to have their verified regional delegate participate in WSC remotely via web conferencing.

Motion 9 – FAILED, 12/13/0

Recess for break at 2:45 PM; reconvene at 3:05 PM

- Roll Call - 25 voting members present.

Tabled motion from WSC 2010; Motion 2: To remove the voting rights of Trustees on Motions contained in the CAR report.

Motion 2 – FAILED, 4/16/5

Motion 3: That an online version control document be maintained to reflect all changes to our Nar-Anon literature.

Motion 3 – FAILED, 2/22/1

Point of Order: Agenda change – address Motion 16 prior to Motion 10.

Motion from the floor to change Agenda order of Motions (16, then 10) made and seconded.

Voice vote: passed



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Motion 16: To make electronic versions of the Nar-Anon newsletter available free of charge. This includes - past and current newsletters being downloadable from the WSO website and current newsletters available via e-mail subscription. Mailed newsletters would remain available for purchase by those wishing to receive a printed copy.

Motion 16 – CARRIED, 23/1/1

Motion 10:

The Nar-Anon Newsletter should be placed on the Nar-Anon Website www.nar-anon.org so that it can be downloaded free for the fellowship. Those wishing the newsletter to be mailed to them will continue to pay for the cost of copying, shipping and handling as a subscription.

Motion 10 – WITHDRAWN, by the delegate from Northern California

Motion 19: All Nar-Anon conference approved service literature be downloadable for free from the WSO website.

AMENDED: All Nar-Anon conference approved service literature **and outreach literature labeled "may be photocopied"** be downloadable for free from the WSO website.

Motion 19, as amended - CARRIED, 25/0/0

Motion from the floor, to table Motion 19 until Guide to World Services is dealt with, was made and seconded.

Motion to Table - CARRIED, 14/7/4

Motion 15: Remove the following paragraph from the Guide to Local Services located on page 8-2, under Fund Raising. "Nar-Anon WSO does not stock or offer program-related jewelry, trinkets or t-shirts for sale because that could divert it from its primary purpose and endanger its tax-exempt status."

Motion 15 – CARRIED unanimously, 25/0/0

Recess for break at 4:35 PM; reconvene at 4:50 PM

- **World Service Committee Reports** were presented by various committee members and chairs
- **WSO Financial Report**, moved to Budget discussion on subsequent day
- **WSO Report** by Cathy K., yielded floor to Russian delegation for presentation of token gifts to fellowship
- **Introduction of WSO Staff**, by Debbie J., WSO Office Manager

Recess for dinner at 6:00 PM; reconvene at 7:40 PM

- **World Service Board of Trustees Report**, by Karen M., President of BOT
- **Presentation: Why CAL? Conference Approved Literature**, by WS Literature Committee members.

Day 1 sessions adjourned at 9:30 PM



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Saturday, April 21st: the WSC opened at 9:00 AM:

- The conference opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- The 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service of Nar-Anon were read. The SESH reading for April 21st was read in Portuguese.
- Roll Call – 25 voting members present.
- **A motion from the floor** to accept the minutes, as corrected, from Friday, April 20th was made and seconded.

Motion CARRIED, 24/0/1

OLD BUSINESS (continued):

Motion 7: In order to provide literature for institutions and recovery facilities only, the WSO will produce 9½"x11" color cardstock with the following items printed from the Nar-Anon Blue Book: The Twelve Steps, The Twelve Traditions, Changing Ourselves, Preamble, and The Family.

Motion 7 – WITHDRAWN, by the delegate from Northern California

Motion 8: Any new literature developed and approved at Conference shall have only "Higher Power" used, not using the word God, He, or Him.

Motion 8 – FAILED, 3/20/2

Motion 12: To amend wording in pamphlet "*What Happens After Treatment*". The location of the proposed change is on the front page. It is the third sentence of the paragraph directly below the Nar-Anon Logo. The current wording is: "We as family and friends also have to take action to fight the family disease of addiction." We propose that the sentence wording change to: "We as family and friends **may also need to** take action to recover from the **effects** of the disease of addiction."

Motion 12, as amended – CARRIED unanimously, 25/0/0

Motion 20: Approve the Introduction and Steps One, Two and Three of *The Nar-Anon Thirty-Six*, to be used by the fellowship until it is incorporated into the Twelve Step volume of *The Nar-Anon Thirty-Six*. A moratorium on motions to change the Introduction, Steps One, Two, and Three does not apply until the complete Twelve Step volume of *The Nar-Anon Thirty-Six* has been altered for the first time by the conference.

Motion 20 – CARRIED unanimously, 25/0/0

Motion 21: Approve the revised *Information for the Newcomer* pamphlet.

Motion 21 – CARRIED unanimously, 25/0/0

Recess for break at 10:35 AM; reconvene at 10:55 AM

- Roll Call – 25 voting members present.

Motion 13: To approve the book "As Doze Tradições do Nar-Anon" (The Twelve Traditions of Nar-Anon) **that has been approved by the Brazilian Service Conference to be used by the fellowship, in draft form, until it is incorporated into the Twelve Traditions volume of The Nar-Anon 36. A moratorium on motions to change the Twelve Traditions of The Nar-Anon 36 does not apply until the complete Twelve Traditions volume of The Nar-Anon Thirty-Six has been altered for the first time by the conference.**

Motion 13, as amended - CARRIED unanimously, 25/0/0



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Procedural note during Motion 13: Motion to go to Informal Consideration, passed unanimously by voice vote.

Recess for Informal Consideration at 11:30 AM; reconvene at 11:40 AM

Motion 14: To approve the book "Os Lemas do Nar-Anon" (**and its English translation "The Slogans of Nar-Anon"**) **that has been approved by the Brazilian Service Conference to be used by the fellowship, in draft form, until an edited and reviewed version can be submitted to the conference.**

Motion 14, as amended - CARRIED unanimously, 25/0/0

Procedural note during Suspension of Rules: New Business item in agenda entitled "Brazil Slogans - English" was removed from agenda. Item handled in above Old Business Motion 14, passed unanimously by voice vote.

Recess for lunch at 12:20 PM; reconvene at 1:30 PM

NEW BUSINESS SESSION:

WSO Financial Report (postponed from April 20th) **and WSO Budget** were presented by Trudi C., Treasurer

- Roll Call - 25 voting members present.

A motion from the floor to accept the 2012 WSO Budget as presented was made and seconded.

Motion – CARRIED unanimously, 25/0/0

Presentation: Introduction of new website by Website Committee

Recess for break at 2:40 PM; reconvene at 2:45 PM

- Roll Call – 25 voting members present.

Agenda change: Outreach CAT Material (10 Items) moved to Day 2 from Day 3. Voting requirements, 17 affirmative votes (2/3 majority) are required to approve literature.

Procedural note: Incorrect versions of some pieces of Outreach CAT Material were in conference binders. Current versions read to participants, when necessary, prior to 'Call for the Question'. Indicated with '*'.

Nar-Anon Outreach Guide

Call for the Question

Nar-Anon Outreach Guide - APPROVED unanimously, 25/0/0

Checklist for Outreach Booth

Call for the Question

Checklist for Outreach Booth – APPROVED, 24/0/1

- Roll Call: 26 voting members present, due to presence of an additional member of the Board of Trustees



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Guide for Nar-Anon Outreach Letters

Call for the Question

Guide for Nar-Anon Outreach Letters - APPROVED unanimously, 26/0/0

Letter to Medical Profession *

Call for the Question

Letter to Medical Profession - APPROVED unanimously, 26/0/0

Letter to Spiritual Leaders *

Call for the Question

Letter to Spiritual Leaders - APPROVED unanimously, 26/0/0

Letter to Police *

Call for the Question

Letter to Police - APPROVED unanimously, 26/0/0

- Correction to voting requirements: 18 affirmative votes required to approve literature due to increased roll call

Information about Nar-Anon *

Call for the Question

Information about Nar-Anon - APPROVED unanimously, 26/0/0

Letter to Treatment Center *

Call for the Question

Letter to Treatment Center - APPROVED unanimously, 26/0/0

Nar-Anon Offers Hope (tri-fold)

Call for the Question

Nar-Anon Offers Hope - APPROVED unanimously, 26/0/0

What is Nar-Anon/Information for Treatment Facilities (tri-fold)

Pending until April 22nd – not in conference binder, copies to be provided to participants prior to vote.

Day 2 sessions adjourned at 4:00 PM



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Sunday, April 22nd: the WSC opened at 8:00 AM:

- The conference opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- The 12 Steps of Nar-Anon were read in Portuguese. The 12 Traditions and Concepts of Service of Nar-Anon were read in English. The SESH reading for April 22nd was read in Russian.
- Roll Call – 24 voting members present.
- **A motion from the floor** to accept the minutes, as corrected, from Saturday, April 21st was made and seconded.

Motion CARRIED by voice vote

Presentation: World Pool

- World Pool election procedure overview by Darleen M., Committee Chair
 - Ballots distributed by June O. (Eastern PA) and Kaye W. (BC)
 - World Pool election taken during Stand at Ease
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Recess for break at 9:20 AM; reconvene at 9:30 AM

- Roll Call - 25 voting members present. (1 voting member left the WSC prior to the next voting session)

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

Continued CAT review postponed from prior day.

What is Nar-Anon? Information for Treatment Facilities

Call for the Question

What is Nar-Anon? Information for Treatment Facilities – APPROVED unanimously, 24/0/0

World Pool Election results: All candidates elected to the pool by majority vote: Antonio L., Carol C., Diana B., Jonnie G., Judy M., Marie T., Maxine W., Mickey B., Rhenda R., Tawnee V. and Trudi C.

Motion from the floor to destroy the election ballots, made and seconded.

Voice vote: all in favor

Newsletter Naming Contest: – down to 2 possible titles: Nar-Anon Voice or Serenity Connection

RESULTS: Nar-Anon Voice: 9, Serenity Connection: 12, Abstentions: 3

Serenity Connection voted as new name for newsletter

OLD BUSINESS (continued):

Nar-Anon Family Groups' Guide to World Services

Informal consideration motion from the floor, made and seconded.

Voice vote: all approved.

Motion from the floor, made and seconded, that amendments be allowed to be made to the Guide to World Services.

Motion CARRIED, 23/0/1



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Motion from the floor, made and seconded - to modify page 23 as follows:

Requests for certain pieces of recovery literature may come from the fellowship. Nar-Anon and Narateen members are encouraged to write recovery literature **and submit it to the World Service Literature Committee. It is preferred literature be submitted in English.**

Motion to amend CARRIED unanimously - 24/0/0

Motion from the floor, made and seconded, to remove page 41, "Nar-Anon World Service Conference Motion Submission Form".

Motion to amend CARRIED unanimously - 24/0/0

Motion from the floor, made and seconded, to remove line on page 14 referencing page 41 removed by previous amendment.

Motion to amend CARRIED unanimously - 24/0/0

Recess for brunch at 11:30 PM; reconvene at 12:30 PM

- Roll Call – 24 voting members present.

Call for the Question to accept the Nar-Anon Family Groups' Guide to World Services was made and seconded.

Nar-Anon Family Groups' Guide to World Services - APPROVED unanimously, 24/0/0

INFORMATION / NEW BUSINESS SESSION:

Narateen Presentation by Jonnie G., Committee Chair

Approval of Narateen CAT materials:

Narateen Meeting Format and Narateen Welcome

Call for the Question

Narateen Meeting Format and Narateen Welcome - APPROVED unanimously, 24/0/0

Motion from the floor was made and seconded to add Narateen Meeting Format and Narateen Welcome into Nar-Anon Family Groups' Guide to Local Services (GLS).

Motion - CARRIED unanimously, 24/0/0

Sponsoring a Narateen Group

Call for the Question

Sponsoring a Narateen Group - APPROVED unanimously, 24/0/0

About Narateen for the Professional

Final line removed: "A Nar-Anon Family Group Meeting occurs at the same place, day and time but in a separate room" (by Narateen committee agreement)

Call for the Question

About Narateen for the Professional – as amended, APPROVED unanimously, 24/0/0



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To The Concerned Teen

Final line removed: "A Nar-Anon Family Group Meeting occurs at the same place, day and time but in a separate room" (by Narateen committee agreement)

Call for the Question

To The Concerned Teen – as amended, APPROVED unanimously, 24/0/0

Motion from the floor made and seconded to remove Motion 19 and its pending amendment from table. (see April 20)

Voice vote – all in favor

Motion 19: All Nar-Anon conference approved **or Board of Trustees' approved** service literature and **outreach literature labeled "may be photocopied"** be downloadable for free from the WSO website.

Motion 19, as amended - CARRIED, 23/1/0

Direct Elections to the Board of Trustees by the conference

Recess for break at 2:25 PM; reconvene at 2:45 PM

INFORMATION / NEW BUSINESS SESSION:

Presentation: World Service Committees by Kay W. and Karen M.

World Pool members elected to Board of Trustees by the WSC: Jonnie G., Marie T., Rhenda R., Tawnee V.

Presentation: Role of Delegate by Marie T.

Recess for break at 4:10 PM; reconvene at 4:30 PM

World Pool members elected to Board of Trustees by the BOT: Mickey B., Antonio L., Trudi C, Diana B., Judy M.

- Roll Call - 24 voting members present.

Floor Opens for New Business Motions:

All motions passed in this session of the Conference do not take effect. They are added to the 2014 CAR for fellowship approval.

Motion 1: That new literature be in gender neutral language, **whenever possible**, except for excerpts from existing 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and/or personal stories

Motion 1, as amended – FAILED, 10/12/2

Motion 2: To add on page 3-3 of the GLS at the end of the last line: "in **any** manner consistent with our Traditions and the Principles of Nar-Anon"

Motion 2, as amended – CARRIED, 13/10/1



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Motion 3: Change the Fourth Tradition to read: "Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting another Nar-Anon family group, Nar-Anon or NA as a whole."

Chair ruling: Out of Order.

Can submit proposal to change Tradition, cannot submit motion to change.

Recess for dinner at 5:40 PM; reconvene at 6:45 PM

- Roll Call - 24 voting members present.

Motion 4: To insert the following into the GLS after the first sentence on page 2-1 under Registration of Groups: "The WSO will refer requests for new groups to their region, if one exists, for initial registration. If no region exists,"

Motion 4 - TABLED

Motion 5: To change the wording of the line in the Nar-Anon Vision Statement that currently reads: "Making information available through Public Information, Hospitals and Institutions and websites; and..."

To read: "Making information available through outreach encompassing public information, hospitals and institutions and websites; and..."

This only applies to material as the moratorium expires. Existing literature stocks will be depleted. This minor change will not invoke a new moratorium cycle.

Motion 5 – CARRIED, 18/0/6

Motion 6: Policy & Guidelines and Literature Committees to develop a specific process for conference approval of recovery, service and/or outreach literature submitted to the WS Literature Committee in languages other than English.

Motion 6 – CARRIED, 21/1/2

Motion 7: The Website Committee develop a proposal for broadcasting the WSC proceedings in a secure manner to Regional representatives around the world who are unable to attend WSC in person. This would involve a one way streaming video that is password protected and archived for future viewing.

Motion 7 - CARRIED, 23/0/1

COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Day 3 sessions adjourned at 9:00 PM



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- The conference opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- The 12 Steps of Nar-Anon were read in English. The 12 Traditions of Nar-Anon were read in Russian and the 12 Concepts of Service in Nar-Anon were read in English. The SESH reading for April 23rd was read in Spanish.
- Roll Call - 24 voting members present.
- **A motion from the floor** to accept the minutes, as corrected, from Sunday, April 22nd was made and seconded.

Motion CARRIED by voice vote

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

Floor Motion 4, back from Table: To insert the following into the GLS after the first sentence on page 2-1 under Registration of Groups: "The WSO will refer requests for new groups to their region, if one exists, for initial registration. If no region exists,"

Motion to postpone indefinitely, made and seconded.

Voice vote: all in favor

Selection of WSC Delegate Representative:

The bylaws of the Nar-Anon Family Groups allow the board to remove a trustee under certain circumstances. One third of the trustee seats are reserved for election by the WSC. The board may not remove any of the 1/3 designated seats without written consent of the WSC. In the event that a trustee removal occurs between conferences, the WSC may designate a representative to act on its behalf.

Delegate and Alternate Delegate have vote in this proceeding. The Board of Trustees left the room during selection of the WSC Representative.

Candidates as follows:

- Sheryl H., Florida Alternate Delegate
- Pat D., Connecticut, Western & Central Massachusetts Delegate
- Imani W., Maryland, DC & Northern Virginia Delegate
- Irina R., Russia Delegate
- Irina K., Russia Alternate Delegate
- Jan F., Midwest Alternate Delegate

Motion from the floor, made and seconded, to have alternate delegate representative in addition to delegate representative.

Motion CARRIED, 21/0/2

Motion from the floor, made and seconded, to have alternate delegate representative determined by second highest votes.

Motion CARRIED unanimously, 23/0/0

Motion was made and seconded, to use "simple majority" to determine results.

Motion CARRIED, 22/1/0



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Results:

- **Delegate representative:** Sheryl H., Florida Alternate Delegate
- **Alternate delegate representative:** Pat D., Connecticut, Western & Central Massachusetts Delegate.

WSC 2014 Theme:

- Roll Call - 24 voting members present.

Motion was made and accepted to suspend the rules and allow all present to vote on the WSC theme.

Motion CARRIED unanimously, 24/0/0

WSC 2014 Theme: Trust in the Spirit of Unity

Floor Motion 8: WSO makes the group registration form in different languages and makes this form available on the website.

Motion CARRIED, 23/0/1

Floor Motion 9: World Service events provide simultaneous translation services for non- English speaking participants when requested.

Motion CARRIED, 23/0/1

Note: Motions carried during new business are placed into the Conference Agenda Report for the next WSC.

Recess at 10:28 AM; reconvene at 10:40 AM

Discussion of new ideas raised during the conference.

A motion to adjourn WSC 2012 was made, seconded and carried by voice vote.

WSC 2012 adjourned at 11:35 AM
