WRFNFG INTERNAL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES - suggested revision as of June 26, 2022

1. Name

The World Representatives Forum Nar-Anon/Narateen Family Groups ("Forum" or "WRFNFG") is created to share experience, strength, and hope in service.

2. Authorities

The 36 Principles of Nar-Anon/Narateen Family Groups - the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts of Service - and our Guides to World and Local Services will be the basis of all our work.

3. Purpose

The WRFNFG hosts this ongoing online space within which members (see 4. Members) may freely share their interests and concerns of the local groups by which they have been duly elected as trusted servants to represent and deliberate herein as may pertain to the common welfare, unity, function, and growth of the Nar-Anon/Narateen fellowship at large before, during, and after the World Service Conference (see 2. Authorities).

4. Members

Forum members include Delegates and alternate Delegates of their respective Nar-Anon/Narateen Regions or any similarly elected trusted servant, irrespective of local title, by either:

- an assembly of local group representatives according to current Nar-Anon/Narateen guidance or
- as recognized by the World Service Office (see 2. Authorities).

As the working language of the WSC is [*currently deemed to be*] English, translators will also have voice on behalf of their service delegation. [NOTE: Page 34, paragraph 5 of The Nar-Anon Family Groups' Guide to World Services, © 2021 NFGH Inc., S-301 English version, currently reads, "*The working language of the world service committees and the WSC is English.*"]

As service positions rotate, the Forum Coordinator (see 7. Leadership) must be promptly informed so as to keep the Forum's Official Membership roster current.

5. Voting

Each duly appointed Regional Delegate, or alternate Delegate in the absence of the Regional Delegate, will have voice and vote in this Forum. Any locally equivalent trusted servant, duly elected by a

developing region, or representative of a lone country not having any established region but being otherwise formally recognized by the World Service Office, will have voice as will any translator speaking on behalf of that representative in group conscience decision-making sessions and events of the Forum (see especially, Guide to World Services section, “World Service Conference Event”). NOTE: Page 11, paragraph 1, The Nar-Anon Family Groups' Guide to World Services, © 2021 NFGH Inc., S-301 ~ 21-10-05 English version, currently reads, "*A developing region or lone group in a state or country, which does not have an established region, may send a representative to the conference by informing the WSC Committee of its intention to do so by December 31 prior to the WSC. To be recognized at the conference, written confirmation of the representative’s selection must be submitted to the WSC Committee. Representatives will have a voice, but no vote. Developing regions or groups sending representatives are responsible for payment of the equalized expenses by December 31 prior to the WSC.*"

6. Quorum

The utility of a formally quantifiable quorum is to ensure the legal representation of a majority of the membership at any given business session and to prevent a minority of the full membership from overruling the majority when, for example, attendance is short of the quorum. In this case, Robert’s Rules dictate, “business is not to be conducted.”

Being that the purpose of this forum is the sharing of the understood interests of the participating members as may pertain to the common welfare and unity of the fellowship at large, it may be assumed business in this Forum is the fomenting of goodwill in the pursuit of services provided by, and the growth of, the fellowship. For this reason, the current “quorum” will be established following the group conscience session during which this document is accepted by the full forum’s then-current membership. Once accepted a more carefully considered and meaningfully articulated quorum may be established through the group conscience process.

7. Leadership

The Coordinator of the World Representatives Forum Nar-Anon/Narateen Family Groups is the Delegate Representative elected by the voting delegates at the WSC. If the Delegate Representative is unable to fulfill their responsibilities, a new Forum Coordinator can be elected by group conscience.

8. Structure

Additional servants may be elected by group conscience in order to facilitate the primary

purpose of this Forum.

9. Business

The WRFNFG is a tool for open dialogue and more immediate responses than is permitted in a 2-year conference cycle culminating in a week-long face-to-face convention (including travel time). Here in our real-time conversations via online electronic media interactions, the opportunity for all participants to hear directly from regional representatives about the most current pressing challenges and the experiences of all regions willing to participate about how they meet, lack, or address similar circumstances in the online chats and the regular quarterly meetings. In these quarterly meetings other trusted servants of the World Service structure may be formally engaged in exploratory dialogue and constructive discourse. The purpose of this chat is not to discuss or save information about business of interest.

10. Participation

To avoid confusion in the WhatsApp chat, it is suggested to add the chat participants with name, country and region as contacts on their mobile phone, in this way will know who is Writing.

11. Meetings

Quarterly meetings will be held with agreed topics that are of interest to all the Regions of the world. Other interested members of the Regions and may attend these meetings and, when invited, members of other World Service level committees may also attend.

12. Methods

The quarterly meetings described in the policies will be held in Zoom, they will be recorded with audio only, with the permission of the attendees, with the aim of having a library of service experiences, which will help to better understand the operation of Nar-Anon in the different parts of the world, which will be very useful for the Regions when formulating motions that take into account the global common welfare and agenda items must be presented at least 1 month before the quarterly meeting as the deadline for presentation.

* Comment:* *Sections 5 through 12 continue under discussion by Forum's ad hoc P & G cmte.*