

April 2018 Utah RSC Minutes

Minutes were taken by Facilitator Brittini K. (UWANA) as Secretary Jeremy F. (UWANA) was absent (excused).

Changes to FIPT – Tracia is going to scan and email the report tonight, we are going to decide to vote NO regarding changes to the FIPT at this time.

James will encounter an additional cost for attending the ranch \$55.00

Some discussion on how to handle votes that are not 2/3 majority, how we will handle the number of abstentions. Tracia feels she has a clear vision for how to handle these matters, and will get together with James to further develop a plan. Based on the fact that there are 4 ways to vote: Yes, no, abstain, and stand aside.

Voting will close on April 20th.

Central area groups have chosen to abstain entirely from both the car and cat.

Central: They have filled a bunch of positions and Sasquatch has offered to mentored.

Other reports have been emailed.

Open discussion about Motion 15

Reports:

Facilitator/Chair:

Hi there!

I don't have much to report aside from I have not gotten on the bank account and I have reached out to high Uintah to see if they have any needs or any way we can support them and they said no but they appreciate that we have continued to support in whatever way they can and that they have a convention coming up in June.

Brittini Krstich

Regional H&I:

As discussed last cycle I purchased stamps in order to be able to forward steps by mail letters to recipients without opening them. I'm asking for reimbursement today for \$10.

Also, I have continued to check the po box regularly (about every other week) and have received a couple letters which I have distributed. Today however, we received twelve from women in the prison. I am working on finding enough women to distribute to.

Lastly I'd like to continue the discussion from last cycle about the female inmate at the prison who requested literature for the facility.

Thank you for letting me be of service

Amanda B

Web Servant:

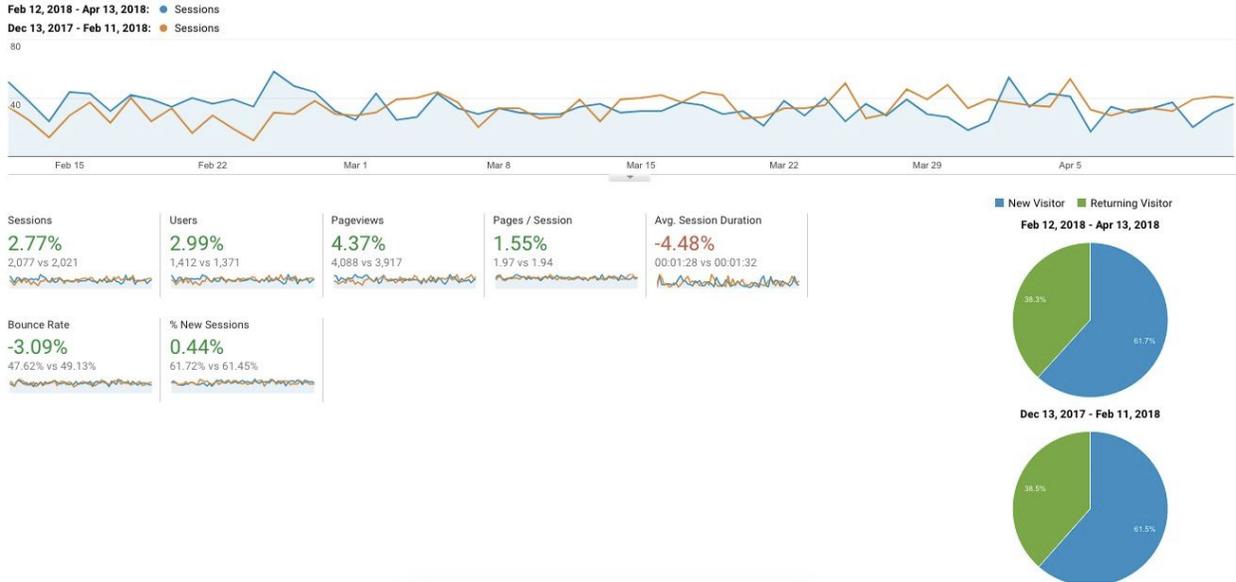
I finished adding information to the Steps by Mail page - it now includes information for NA members interested in corresponding with inmates in addition to the previous info provided for inmates that I added last cycle.

I have updated the information on the Events page (<https://nautah.org/events/>) for Campvention based on the Preregistration flyer and information I saw on Facebook about the event.

The URICNA.com domain registration ends in May - wondering if we want to renew this registration. The cost is \$14.99 for 1 more year of the domain + \$9.99 for Private Registration (this keeps the WHOIS record anonymous to avoid contact from solicitors.) The total with tax would be \$25.16. Some extra info on this is that in the last couple years this domain is used for a simple URL to get to the Square Registration page to pre-register for the convention. [THIS WAS APPROVED BY URICNA, CHECK TO BE MADE TO BE TO REFUND]

Now for some analytics for the website for this last cycle (Feb - Apr) versus the previous cycle (Dec - Feb.) Overall it looks like everything went up for Overall Views on the Site, Individual Users, Individual Page Views, Number of Pages per Session, and number of New Sessions (new users.) The increases ranged from 1.55% - 4.27% more for these categories. The only thing that went down since the last session was the Average time someone was on the overall Website - by an average of a whole 4 seconds.

If you're interested in actual numbers on the site this cycle (last 2 months): 2,077 Sessions (overall views of the site), 1,412 Users (different people on the site), 4,088 Pageviews (individual pages viewed/loaded), Pages per Session 1.97 (how many pages people clicked through on the website.) Finally, 62% of viewers were new viewers to the website, and 38% were returning viewers of the website.



And that's it, thanks for reading,
Justin B.

PI Chair:

Dear region,

I'm sorry i'm not able to make it to region today. It is my son's birthday party. Upon the request of the region I have been researching different opportunities for billboards in the Utah region. I really like the amount of options and all the locations Reagon billboard has to offer they have 100's of locations all over the state of Utah. I am still waiting on a response on what they charge non profit organizations. I will report back as soon as they do. I have also found an option that provides a certain amount of time each hour on the digital billboards. Unfortunately that is only on a few billboards downtown salt lake city. I am still waiting for a response back on an email from them as well.

In loving service,
Brad H.

RCM Reports:

Lakeside:

Hi my name is Jerry,

I am an addict and lakeside RCM

James K came over to my house and picked up the motions & Survey Tally Sheets we completed 6 out of 8 sheets.

Thank you James

The lakeside unity area is having a learning days of service April 14th, followed by a dinner and dance

H&I and PR are running low on bodies

Hopefully the work shop will help bring some people in.

Thank you for letting me be of service

Regional Delegate Report April 14, 2018

Greetings:

Hard to believe the World Service Conference is in a couple of weeks! Here are the main points for this month's report:

Central area did not submit any votes for the CAR. James and I had been informed some time ago that this was a decision at their area service committee to not participate. James made attempts to get clarity and provide information to Central but ultimately this was their area's decision.

High Unita have submitted their area vote. James has reached out to them to clarify group votes as individual groups.

We have identified some challenges with the vote totals as submitted currently. The 2/3 requirement was not met on several CAR motions. We will be seeking your guidance on how we move forward. We seek this guidance to avoid misunderstandings later.

The CAT had one response from Sasquatch. We would like a vote of confidence to vote as the trusted servants and representatives for the Utah region when these discussions are presented at WSC.

I would also like to request a vote of confidence to fully participate in all discussions and voting at the WSC as a trusted servant and as the Utah Regional Delegate. In the event of my absence I would ask that James be given the same privileges.

World Board has stated that they will be asking the WSC to vote on a changes to the FIPT Operational Rules Article V. Last night I received the Conference Report with this request's information and will share this with you today.

The South Florida request to inspect the FIPT trustee activities is moving forward but has not yet been completed.

We would like to know if t is the region's will that we continue to accept online votes and if so what do we determine is a reasonable cut off?

Recovery meetings will be live audio streamed for those interested.

At least two conference participants that were unable to resolve visa issues, will be attending virtually!

In Loving Service,

Tracia S.

Sasquatch Area Meeting April 1, 2018

Present:

Chair- Brian P.

Co-Chair- Jamie C.

Secretary- Sarah filling in for Kevin

Treasurer- OPEN

RCM- Sunnee

Activities Chair- Beau R.

PI Chair- Sarah M.

Literature- Brian P.

GSR's:

Monday- Terry R. -acting GSR

Tuesday- Sunnee

Wednesday- Kenzie

Thursday- Sarah M.

Fri- Josh M.

Sat & Sun morning- Jamie C.

Meeting opened at 6:04 by the Chair

Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

Sunnee read the 12 Traditions

Rochelle read the 12 Concepts

Roll Call-

H & I Chair not present

Others:

Robbie D.

Brady

Phil

Rochelle

REPORTS:

Jamie is filling in for Kevin to read minutes from January Area Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes- Brian P seconded, unanimous

Brian P- No report

Vice chair- No report

RCM- We had a really good GSR assembly. Next GSR assembly will be

at Sunnee's house or at the clubhouse if available. It is a potluck. Bring a side or dessert.

Our goal was to get info from GSR's to the groups and back to area. He thinks we were successful in doing that.

Sunnee and Sarah explained that there was really only \$1500 dollars

available after all of our

expenses were paid.

Central made a motion to send to NAWS about \$1500 to be used.

We need to correctly rewrite our motion to have certain funds

allocated every area cycle for

billboards and benches, and getting literature into all of the

county jails.

Sunnee knows how to write it and will bring it up in new

business.

Terry- with the H and I money, there's 26 jails and 2 state facilities. HE wants to know how we

are going to get lit into these facilities. 5 at a time? Or how? This way we take care of our own backyard before we send it to World.

Sunnee-We don't have bus stops here, how do we carry the message?

Phil- we take responsibility for the facilities in our area, and we will continue to do so.

Terry- We can take it a county at a time.

Phil- One more quick thing, the county jails don't have a fixed number of beds. Lit is distributed

based on the number of beds. It's not the same amount of books for every facility.

Phil- Silly question- we haven't had a quorum for the last two regions? Yes we have. We haven't

had a treasurer. Those positions have been filled so Region can conduct business.

H&I Sarah-

Terry- anywhere from 5 to 25 guys. Last week they delivered 2

5 BT and 8 SWG to the jail

5 STW going to Summit County 20 SWG going into WC. 10 f

or men and 10 for women

Phil- 6 at SC last week

Beau- about 6 when he went.

We can't hug or touch at either facility.

Sarah-

Literature Report- We are currently sitting on cash of 140.00

proceeds from book sales 99 and

change worth of lit. for our 250 working balance. Current

ly out of SG and BT. Will be ordering

more in the next day or two. Lit is in good shape. Just did

a key tag inventory tonight at. And will do one at the worship center on Tuesday night. We have a

fuck load of tags right now.

Jamie- we are out of 30 60 90 at Tx centers.

Brian- Take some from the supply here. That is an area supply.

Through the IPT- books can print their own books for \$

1 a piece. SWG \$3 a piece. You can buy them, can't sell them you have to give them away for free

Beau- Thursday following the mtg we will have activities mtg. Get something ready for the end

of April. IF anybody has any ideas, let him know and show up to the meeting. Show up and get involved. His pool will be opening soon. We can rent the clubhouse and have pool parties. One of his sponsees wants to smoke some meats. Try to plan some family friendly stuff. We have had a huge turnout after the friday night meeting. We had 22 at the meeting and 24 who went bowling. He is interested in doing some smaller activities, but wants to see some participation from the core members in NA. We are trying to get another bowling night off the ground at 630 pm on Wednesday. Terra is going to talk to Beau about the area campout.

Treasurer-

Jess emailed Brian and declined to be treasurer for another year. We have a negative balance

Of -145.83 for H&I.

Maybe we should get rid of H and I earmark.

Phil-Where does the negative H&I balance come from?

Brian- I am not sure, I haven't had a chance to go over the spreadsheet.

Everything has been paid and reconciled. We only owe Terry \$75.

Brian volunteers to be acting treasurer until we find someone to commit.

Monday-

Monday is fine. Pretty good attendance. We did the CAR workshop. Terry wants to know how rent gets paid and the details associated with that.

Back and forth on how much to pay in rent and how much for donations to Area.

Tuesday-

Brian- Tuesday's meeting is going well. High of 37 low of 27. Still doing a 1st step meeting.

Primarily Tx attendees. Has been an upsurge of CORE area members. So the message is not as diluted.

Wednesday-

Kenzie- High of 25 low of 6 We are beautiful. Reading the steps out the BT

Thursday-

Aaron is chairing. High of 27 low of 3. Mostly core memb

ers. Rando Tx shows [up. Beginning](#)

balance 31 and balance of 176.

Spent 28 on supplies. Paid rent of 60 and are making area don

ation of 79. Combined treasurer

working balance of 40.

Friday-

Meeting is going well. Grew in attendance a lot. High of 2

2 low of 6. Thnks bowling is bringing

people out. Reads from the JFT. Have funds of \$99 that need to

be dispersed.

Sat and Sun morning-

Sat morning 15 to 20 people with Tx center. Read an IP. Open for

discussion. Is going well. The

Tx is participating more. Sunday Morning- Can't wait to get the meeting back outside. The

basement is really warm. 21-25 people. We go through a lot of coffee. We read out of green and gold. Starting on step3. A lot of local attendance.

Sunday night-

30 to 55 people. Switched to the Living Clean book. Terra took 80 or 90 dollars to get lit. She has printed copies of the Living Clean to get started for now.

Open Forum:

Terry- surprised the RD didn't bring this up. The IPT makes sure that no one steals our copy right. A region can request an inspection of the IPT. Southern FL has put in the request for the inspection. NAWS has refused and spent 25K to stop the inspection. What are they hiding? There have been 4 different communications, and NAWS is still refusing to be transparent. Terry talked to the RD from FL, and NAWS is going after areas and regions for having downloadable lit on websites. But not going after TX centers that had downloadable lit. Nobody knew we had an office in Russia til someone was screaming they were stealing money. NAWS is trying to change the IPT because they don't think that one region should be able to look at their books.

Sunnee- MY opinion that the way we operate is through transparency. My personal opinion is that I find it hard to get involved with that situation in my head because I get limited information and I don't know what we can do to take any action. I have heard about it from several members.

Terry- I will put the info on FB.

Sunnee- I don't have FB it's the devil's playground.

About the CAR Report- in case anyone missed- go to the regional website to vote for the CAR

Terry wants to the results published from our area and region published on the FB page

Old Business-

Sunnee-

Chase made a motion to increase HI allowance. Voted and passed

Voted to change GSR assembly

Kevin made a motion for distribution of regional funds.

Sunnee explained how a motion has to be written.

Motion-

Intent-

Financial Impact-

Phil- I thought we were asked what to do with this excess money. I thought our area decided to

send all funds to H and I for jails in Utah. Sarah explained that while Phil was away our area decided to support the PI chair in the Uwana area and his plan to get billboards and benches and bus signs.

motion 4

Sasquatch Area

4/1/18

motion:

To give P.I. Committee a working balance (Budget) to persue and enable signs on billboards, bus stops, train stops and or/ general signs placement.

Financial impact:

^{15%}
~~20%~~ of gross regional to be earmarked to the P.I. Subcommittee

in accordance with the 5th tradition to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

Motion brought by Sasquatch Area.

Authored by Sunee G. RCM.

Sent to groups

Utah Region of NA - 2018		Starting	February	April	June	August	October	December	Year-To-Date
INCOME	Northern (Ogden)		\$139.34						\$139.34 northern
	Lakeside Unity (Davis County)		\$72.92	\$43.73					\$116.65 lakeside
	Central (Provo)								\$0.00 central
	UWANA (Salt Lake)		\$96.40						\$96.40 uwana
	Sasquach (Park City)								\$0.00 sasquch
	High Uintah (Vernal)								\$0.00 high uint
	Individual member/group								\$0.00 indiv
	Total Donations		\$308.66	\$43.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$352.39 total
	Campvention Income (July)								\$0.00 camp
	URICNA Income (Nov) UT Reg Serv		\$1,633.77						\$1,633.77 uricna
7th tradition								\$0.00 7th trad	
Total Deposit		\$1,942.43	\$43.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,986.16 deposit	
EXPENSES	Rent for meeting (\$20/cycle)		\$20.00						\$20.00 rent
	H&I Literature (15% of dep)		\$291.37	\$6.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$297.93 H&I Lit
	NAWS Donation (5% of dep)		\$107.71	\$2.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$109.90 world
	PO Box due August (\$166/year)		\$194.00		write check				\$194.00 PO Box
	Storage Unit (\$87/month)*		\$579.00		write check				\$579.00 Storage
	Corporation Fee								
	Motions		\$244.59						\$244.59 motions
	Website (\$68.05 June)								\$0.00 website
	Rocky Mountain Zonal Forum								\$0.00 forum
	World Conference		\$272.60	\$1,527.40					\$1,800.00 conf
	Travel - workshops								\$0.00 travel
	Reimbursements		\$23.00						\$23.00 reim
	Bank Fees / Interest		-\$0.31						-\$0.31 fees
Total Expenses		\$1,731.96	\$1,536.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,268.11 exp total	
PRUD	Income	\$0.00	\$0.08						\$0.08 Income
	Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 Expenses
	Balance (savings)	\$501.94	\$502.02	\$502.02	\$502.02	\$502.02	\$502.02	\$502.02	
H&I LIT	Additions (15% of dep)		\$291.37	\$6.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$297.93 lit in
	Expenses								\$0.00 lit out
	Balance	\$231.33	\$522.70	\$529.26	\$529.26	\$529.26	\$529.26	\$529.26	
Regional Working Balance*		\$4,005.22	\$4,215.69	\$2,723.27	\$2,723.27	\$2,723.27	\$2,723.27	\$2,723.27	
Total Checking Balance		\$4,236.55	\$4,738.39	\$3,252.53	\$3,252.53	\$3,252.53	\$3,252.53	\$3,252.53	
		VERIFIED	PENDING	ON HOLD	Income	Expenses	Difference	Adjusted	
PENDING and ON HOLD Items as of:						\$1,660.30	\$1,660.30	\$4,912.83	

We have confidence in any candidate forwarded by the Human Resource Panel. The HRP goes through an extensive process to produce a slate of candidates who are most qualified. But we want to be sure you understand how we arrive at the list of members we forward for consideration.

Conference participant discussion board

If the Conference opts to keep the Conference participant discussion board, we would like to make it more useful. We know there is a need for participants to talk to one another in the many months we are not in session, and the discussion board is currently the only vehicle we have. For more information, see our comments under Motion 22 in the *CAR* (page 63) and in this *Conference Report*, page 19.

Travel summary

Every cycle, we distribute a summary of World Services travel to Conference participants and we cover many of those events during the Fellowship Development and PR sessions during the Conference week. You'll find the travel summary for this cycle in an addendum to this report, beginning on page 57.

The summary is organized by location and purpose—Fellowship Support, Public Relations, World Convention, World Board, and so forth.

It's worth mentioning that this past cycle we were more challenged than ever before to respond to all of the travel requests we received. In particular, so many of the US zonal workshops to review the *CAR* and *CAT* were held on the same weekend that travel to them all became impossible. US zones will either have to work together to avoid the same sort of "traffic jam" next cycle, stagger their meeting dates, or plan to hold their workshop without World Board participation.

Questions and answers

It is always challenging to get through all of the information we need to report in a couple of sessions and leave enough



time for questions and answers. Much of the information we will review has been covered in the *CAR*, the *CAT*, *NAWS News*, or the *Annual Report*, which we are working to finalize concurrently with this *Conference Report*. Please take the time to be familiar with these reports; you may find your questions have already been answered. If you have a question and you don't get a chance to ask it during this session, we would be happy to talk with you at any point during the Conference week. Please reach out to a Board member or a member of *NAWS* staff and we'll do our best to ensure you have the information you need. And a reminder: as we mentioned at the beginning of this report, if you would like to set up some time to meet informally with members of the Board, the HRP, or the *WSC* Cofacilitators, please email us at worldboard@na.org, and we will try to set up a time to get together.

FIPT Discussion

When we surveyed participants to ask what they wanted to talk about at the Conference, the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* was not a popular choice (see survey results on page 37). Honestly, we would rather not take up Conference time with legal matters either, but we must. You are the trustor and *NAWS* is the trustee, and it is our collective duty to make sure the decisions related to the *FIPT* are made responsibly and transparently.

There are two aspects to the *FIPT* that we may need to address in this session. One is the current *FIPT* inspection request, and the other is whether the *WSC* wants to make a decision about revising the operational rules moving forward.

FIPT inspection request

Most of you are aware that we received a request to inspect the *FIPT*. We have reported about this regularly. We forwarded the initial correspondence to all Conference participants and posted it on the Conference participant discussion board and FTP site. As we reported, we were unclear on a number of the specific concerns detailed in the request.

We have had further communication with the delegate and their attorney and discussed the possibility of an inspection within our Board meeting and how that might work. The initial request had suggested five days for the inspection, and that seems like a reasonable limitation to us. We remain concerned about the broad scope of the request, both in terms of the amount of time and resources it would take to prepare and satisfy, and the overarching question of whether the issues detailed in the letter all fall within the purview of a *FIPT* request.

At the time of this report, the chair of the World Board has sent two additional letters to the region. We have a tentative inspection date scheduled in May, but this is still an active, ongoing matter. We expect to update you at the World Service Conference and provide you with copies of all of our communication to and from the region.

We heard from many of you that you wanted us to make some attempt at satisfying the request, or do “something” to make it go away before the WSC. Unfortunately for all of us, it is not that simple and we have different roles but a collective responsibility to address the issue.

Amending the FIPT operational rules

As we said in the March Conference participant web meeting, we do not believe that if the *FIPT* were written today the Fellowship would be in favor of giving a single region the ability to independently decide to encumber so many services resources—time and money,

energy and attention. We have heard the same thing repeatedly at *CAR* and *CAT* workshops over the past few months.

The relevant section of the Operational Rules refers to an inspection occurring “on behalf of the Beneficiary.” The Beneficiary is the entire Fellowship, and only the delegates at the World Service Conference can speak for all of “us.” We spend over \$40,000 per year hiring outside auditors to review and verify the internal controls and routine operating processes and financial figures that we report to you. If that is not sufficient, we need to hear clearly from the Conference what it would require for the Conference to have more confidence in our reports.

We will be asking the Conference whether it is ready to decide on a change in the rules so that in the future the requesting body should be the WSC itself, not a single region.

In asking this, we are not trying to affect the existing request or make a retroactive change to the *FIPT* operational rules. We are trying to determine what the Conference would like to see the *FIPT* operational rules reflect in the future.

We recognize that many of you would rather not have to make a decision related to the *FIPT* without spending more time discussing it within your region, and we respect that caution. However, the Conference only meets every two years, and the Operational Rules as they currently stand leave us open to dealing with this sort of inspection request again, and we do not want to expend any more resources on action not supported by the Fellowship.

SECTION 3: INSPECTION OF TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Conditions of Inspection

Any regional service committee or equivalent service body may inspect the records and operations of the Trust on behalf of the Beneficiary, provided the following conditions are met.

1. A motion to conduct an inspection of the Trust must be approved by a regional service committee or its equivalent.
2. The regional service committee wishing to inspect the Trust must assume the expense associated with the participation of its own representative in the inspection. All other costs associated with the inspection shall be borne by the Trustee.
3. The regional service committee must present a written request for inspection of the Trust, detailing its concerns and any particular areas of Trust operations it wishes to inspect.

FIPT Operational Rules, Article V

The *FIPT* was created from internal controversy and pain surrounding a lawsuit and is based on what a group of delegates at WSC 1991 drafted during the Conference week. The 59 regions present at that Conference adopted the following statement by what we would now call consensus at the WSC (68 yes/6 no/4 abstentions):

“The Basic Text, Fifth Edition is the only edition of the Basic Text that is currently approved by the World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous for publication and sale. The World Service Office Board of Directors is entrusted

FIPT Operational Rules, Article V

SECTION 3: INSPECTION OF TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Conditions of Inspection

The WSC may inspect the records and operations of the Trust on behalf of the Beneficiary, if it chooses to do so. The details of such an inspection would be decided by the WSC.

with the responsibility for protecting the fellowship’s physical and intellectual properties, including the Basic Text, and at the board of directors’ discretion, shall take legal action to protect those rights against any and all persons who choose to infringe upon this literature trust.”

That statement was the guide for creating the *FIPT*, and it was adopted by the WSC in 1993. In the 25 years since then, the Trust has been thought of as a document that legally spells out expectations for NA recovery literature and trademarks. That includes how it is approved, who can make changes, and who can publish on the Fellowship’s behalf.

We have never considered the *FIPT* a financial policy for NA World Services. That is what Conference policies, not legal documents, are for. We do not want to involve attorneys in World Board deliberations on issues within NA. We generally use them for trademarks, copyrights, and contracts and other matters between NA World Services and the “outside” world. Issues within the Fellowship should be settled within the service structure. And that requires the World Board to let you know where our discussions have led us, and for you, as the World Service Conference, to decide how we proceed.

We would also like to form a virtual workgroup for the upcoming cycle to focus on reviewing the *FIPT* operational rules and reporting back any other possible recommendations.

We are sorry we were not able to give more notice about these potential decisions. The only reason we did not include motions related to these decisions in the Conference Approval

Track material is because we had the discussion about them in our March meeting, after hearing so much input on the matter in our travels. It will be up to the Conference to decide whether they want to make a decision about revising the operational rules at this WSC.