



# Creating WSC Motions

Workshop Session

April 23rd, 2022

# Our Session Approach

- Share Best Practices for Motion Writing Using Nar-Anon Principles
- Using Show as You Go Examples
  - Confusing Motion
  - Well Written Motion
- Walk Through The Timeline and Key Events
- Start Writing Region Motions
- Suggested Additional Steps

# Writing Motions: Best Practices

- Write a Short Summary Introducing the Motion
  - Set the scene and share what is this motion all about, what would you like the Conference to do and why should they adopt this motion?
  - In short, build an argument for the motion.
  - Use the Twelve Steps, Traditions and Concepts as a guide when developing the motion
- Make an Outline of the Motion to Answer
  - What is the purpose of this motion?
  - Use recovery language

Adapted from How to Write a Kick Ass Motion (<https://filevine.com/blog/how-to-write-a-kick-ass-motion/>)

# Writing Motions: Best Practices

- Keep the Motion Simple
  - One purpose or topic per motion.
  - Use simple sentence structure
- Maintain Your Credibility and Stick to The Principles of Nar-Anon
  - Research GLS, GWS, Nar-Anon Headquarters Inc. Bylaws, etc...
  - Study and apply the Traditions
    - Tradition 1 – Unity, Tradition 4 – Autonomy, Tradition 5 – Primary Purpose
  - Study and apply the Concepts of Service
    - Concept 1 – Maintain Services, Concept 4 – Effective Leadership
    - Concept 9 – Consider all Viewpoints, Concept 12 – Spiritual Service, Not Governance

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# Example of Confusing Motion

- Motion: (What is the action being requested?)  
Add Translations to positions in the GLS
- Intent? (What will this action accomplish?)  
To enable members who do not speak a common language to have access to conference approved literature.
- Intent? Rationale Why is this desirable?) (Limited to 150 words):  
This would promote unity and inclusion.

Round Table  
Discussion

**What Do You See That Could be Confusing About this Motion?**

# Well Written

- **Motion (What is the action being requested?):**

Add the paragraph below to the Subcommittee section under RSC Policies and Procedures of the GLS.

The purpose of the Translations Committee is to translate conference approved literature. To ensure translations maintain the spirit of the Nar-Anon message, as well as, making sure the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service are upheld in translations. The committee will work with the World Service Translations Resource Committee. They will provide the World Service Translations Resource Committee with a list of English words or phrases that do not have a direct translation in each language, listing the translated words or phrases.

- **Intent (What will this action accomplish?):**

To create a committee at the region level responsible for translating conference approved literature and coordinating with the World Service Translations Committee.

- **Rationale (Why is this desirable?) (Limited to 150 words):**

To promote unity by establishing a process at the region level for members to access conference approved literature in their language.

- **Financial Impact (What will this cost or what income will it generate?):**

None

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**What Makes This A Well Written Motion?**

# Changing Existing Items Confusing

*(From 2021 Nar-Anon Guide to Local Services (GLS), Section 6-6:)*

## **Bank Account**

The region shall establish a prudent reserve to cover its budgeted business expenses. Funds shall be maintained in a bank account. The account shall be readily available to officers with signature authority. Funds from donations made to the region shall be deposited in the account no later than 30 days from date of receipt.

**(Proposed changed language)**

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The region shall establish a minimum and a maximum prudent reserve. The minimum reserve is to cover its budgeted business expenses. Funds in excess of the maximum reserve would be donated to WSO. Funds shall be maintained in a bank account. The account shall be readily available to officers with signature authority. Funds from donations made to the region shall be deposited in the account no later than 30 days from date of receipt.

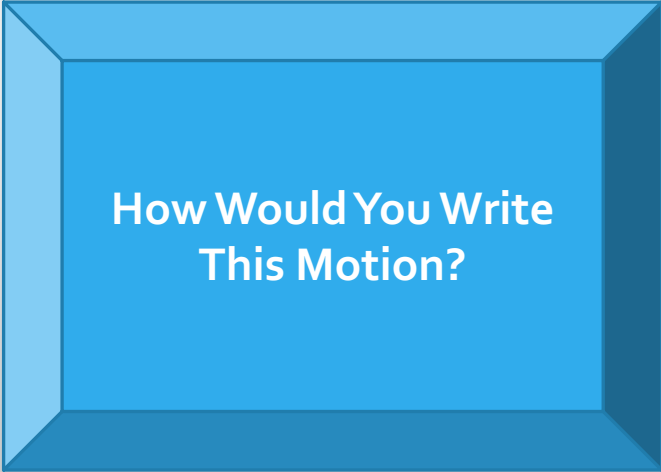


What Opportunities Do You See?

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How Would You Write  
This Motion?



# Timeline and Key Events

- Regions Work to Consider and Write Motions - 13 and 9 Months Prior to WSC
  - (Mar –August)
  - WSC Starts in April for our Purposes
- Consultation with WSO Single Point of Accountability - 13 and 9 months Prior to WSC
  - (Mar- August)
  - WSC Committee Can Help Direct Inquiries
- Submission of Motions to WSC – 9 to 7 months prior to WSC
  - Draft Motions (August)
  - WSC Committee Reviews Motions
  - Addresses Questions and Issues with Regions
  - Final Motions (October)
- Conference Agenda Report (CAR Released) – 150 days prior to WSC
- Collaboration Between Regions on Duplicate and Similar Subject Motions
  - From 5 months prior to WSC Start
  - Prepare Amendments or Motions to Withdraw Duplicate CAR Motions
  - Review of Standing Rules of WSC
- WSC Agenda Published – 30 days prior to WSC
- WSC Delegate Attendee Training – Mid April



# Start Writing Region Motions

- We Suggest each region independently find its own voice and priorities .
- Discuss having a Region Motion Writing Ad Hoc Subcommittee.
- Secure Support from GSRs and Members at Service Meetings (GC, ASC, RSC).
- Embrace the growth and recovery that service can offer.

# Suggested Additional Steps

- Consultation with WSO Single Point of Accountability
  - WSC Committee can help direct your question to right committee.
  - Contact the appropriate WS Committee or Board of Trustees.
- Submitting Region Motions
  - Use Nar-Anon WSC Motion Forms (attached).
- Collaboration Between Regions on Duplicate and Similar Subject Motions
  - Get to Know Your Fellow Delegates, Chairs, Trusted Servants.
  - Leverage existing service structures.
  - Use virtual tools to meet, seeking understanding and unity.
- Delegates WSC Participation Training
  - Highly recommended for new and experienced Delegates and Alt. Delegates.
  - Conducted just before the WSC begins.



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