

WHAT IS A CAR WORKSHOP?

The CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT (CAR) is a compilation of motions that have been brought before Narcotics Anonymous at the world level. Just as we have motions and business meetings at group levels, area levels and regional levels we also have them at the world level. Once every two years Delegates from each region in the world bring the tally of their region's votes and submit them at the World Service Conference (WSC). The CAR is made in preparation for the WSC (World Service Conference).

The CAR is one of the ways Narcotics Anonymous World Services informs the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous worldwide what is happening, what needs to be discussed, what needs to be voted on and the future direction of the NA fellowship worldwide as a whole.

Motions can be made by Regions or the World Board. Motions made by regions often involve issues important to the region, while World Board motions concern the worldwide fellowship as a whole. These motions affect NA as a whole and impact NA members all around the world. The delegates from the regions are directed to vote based upon the consensus of the region itself.

HOW THE VOTING WORKS :

How voting works is that each Group Service Representative (GSR) has an opportunity to learn about the motions by attending a CAR workshop. The GSR then goes to their group and has a meeting (suggested as a separate one from business or regular meeting) to explain the motions to their group and have voting. The GSR then goes to the Regional April 2-day, which will be held in Roanoke on April 21, 2018. There each GSR submits their tally of the votes. (Last cycle the Delegate team also provided an opportunity for groups to submit their votes electronically and via paper ballots. More information will be available on this as the time gets closer) After all groups have voted, the Regional Delegate Team compiles the votes and brings our Region's vote to the WSC in California. Every one has an opportunity to learn about the CAR and vote on it at their group.

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT A GROUP REPRESENTATIVE ATTEND A CAR WORKSHOP?

It's important that each group have at least one person who has a thorough understanding of the CAR before voting so that no biases are created and so that questions can be answered thoroughly and accurately. The representative does not have to be the GSR if they do not have one OR the GSR cannot attend.

The workshop will provide information about the CAR report and the WSC. Your input is very important to the present and future of NA worldwide.

"There's a sense of pride when we can see the results of discussions and decisions after reading the CAR. When we see a particular piece of literature on the rack at our meetings and we can say to ourselves, "I voted on that piece," we feel connected to NA in a way that we may not have felt before. It's our chance to be part of that "collective expression" our Mission Statement talks about."

Please feel free to contact your delegate team with any questions or discussions you may have.

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