

# Resolution A

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## Resolution Group

As a result of a World Services Inventory beginning in 1993 a Resolution Group was formed.

- The resolution groups charter has been to develop proposals to the 1996 WSC based on information gathered in an inventory of WSC.

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Problems identified from Inventory:

1. Lack of vision for WSO, WCC,& WSC
2. Lack of strategic plan
3. Right-sizing of committee's and board's
4. Integration of management techniques to World Services
5. Bringing the message of hope to the suffering addict more effectively

# What is Resolution A?

Goals developed in response to problems were:

1. To Write a vision statement for NA World Services
2. To write a mission statement for WSC
3. To create proposals for structural change of WSC
4. To create proposals for future work.

# Vision Statement

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous World Services are inspired by the primary purpose of the groups we serve. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day:

# Vision Statement

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
- NA communities worldwide and NA World Services work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to carry our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery

# Vision Statement

As our commonly held sense of the highest aspirations that set our course, our vision is our touchstone, our reference point, inspiring all that we do. Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of these ideals. In all our service efforts, we rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.

# Mission Statement

The World Service Conference brings all elements of NA World Services together to further the common welfare of NA. The WSC's mission is to unify NA worldwide by providing an event at which:



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- Participants propose and gain fellowship consensus on initiatives which further the NA World Services mission;
- The fellowship, through an exchange of experience, strength, and hope, collectively expresses itself on matters affecting Narcotics Anonymous as a whole;

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- NA groups have a mechanism to guide and direct the activities of NA World Services;
- Participants ensure that the various elements of NA World Services are ultimately responsible to the groups they serve;

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- Participants are inspired with the joy of selfless service, and the knowledge that our efforts make a difference.

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Proposals for structural changes of World Services.

Resolution A was one of six resolutions the conference passed in 1996.

**Resolution A- To approve in principle a change in participation at a new WSC to achieve the following objectives:**

# What is Resolution A?

- **To reduce the total number of representatives**
- **To provide for equal representation from all geographic entities; and**
- **To encourage a consensus-based decision-making process.**

# Is Resolution A the solution?

Resolution A was an agreement that was made *in principle* to resolve the problems stemming from a very large, *motion-driven* conference.

According to the 2004 Conference Agenda Report: “We do not necessarily think that downsizing the conference is the best way to continue to move forward”.

# Is Resolution A the solution?

Resolution A is the only resolution of the six that has not been entirely incorporated into the service structure.

Over the years, the conference has debated and discussed various implementation models for Resolution A, to no avail.

In the intervening years since Resolution A was passed so much has changed.

# Is Resolution A the solution?

NA World Services now pays for conference travel by delegates from all seated regions, so that attendance from seated regions is not limited by their ability to pay for their delegates' travel, creates a more inclusive and diverse conference.

Three motions were passed by unanimous consent at the '06 WSC.



# Equal Representation?



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Of the 40,987 meetings held worldwide:

- 449 are in Eastern Europe
- 1,214 are in Asia Pacific
- 174 are in Africa
- 5,086 are in the Middle East
- 2,354 are in Western Europe
- 1,119 are in Canada
- 2,765 are in Central America
- 3,694 are in South America
- 24,132 are in the United States

# Is Resolution A the solution?

One of the proposals to implement resolution A suggest that there should be equal Geographical representation by minimizing the number of representatives by dividing representation as follows:

- North America- 18
- Europe- 18
- Asia Pacific- 18
- Latin America- 18
  
- Maximum Representatives- 72

# Is Resolution A the solution?

One may ask, does the previously mentioned proposal provide equal representation?

# Equal Representation?

Under the above mentioned proposal for implementation Europe would have 18 representatives for 2,977 meetings, where North America would have the same amount of representatives for 25,251 meetings.

# Is Resolution A the solution?

We spent years inventorying World Services and more years making changes in our structure to address some of the problems and issues disclosed by that inventory.

We believe it is time to broaden the focus of our attention from changes in the WSC and World Services to the concerns of the entire service structure and the fellowship.