



## TOGETHER WE CAN

### NAR-ANON WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE 2010

#### ***Group Conscience and Business Meetings***

- Tradition 1 - Our common welfare should come first; personal progress for the greatest number depends on unity.
- Tradition 2 - For our group purposes there is but one authority - a loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants - they do not govern.
- Concept 6 - Group conscience is the spiritual means by which we invite a loving Higher Power to influence our decisions.

All members share responsibility for the healthy functioning of the group. To ensure the unity of our groups, we use the Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Service with the guidance of a Higher Power when making decisions that affect the group. The principle of the group conscience is used for decision making in all of our business meetings, whether it be at the group, area, region or WSC.

A group conscience is the collective viewpoint on matters affecting the group. Arriving at a group conscience requires informative discussion by its members using the Guides to Local and World Services and adhering to the Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Nar-Anon in order to reach a decision. As members of a spiritual program, we invite our Higher Power to guide us throughout this process. When we treat each member with respect and learn by listening to one another, we can achieve unity.

Each group is autonomous but still has an obligation to work within the guidelines of Nar-Anon. Through group conscience and group autonomy our groups make decisions such as:

- How their business meetings are conducted and when they are held
- Issues to be discussed at business meetings (i.e. group, area, region and world service matters such as the Conference Agenda Report (CAR))
- Types of meetings held by the group (i.e. beginner meetings, step meetings, tradition meetings)
- Establishing committees when necessary (public information, literature, group anniversary, finding a new location, etc.)
- Group participation in area, region or world events
- Holding group elections
- Scheduling regular group inventories in order to keep meetings healthy
- Donating to the area, region and WSO

Suggested business meeting format:

#### **Call to Order**

- ◇ Reading of the Serenity Prayer
- ◇ Reading of the Twelve Traditions and/or Twelve Concepts of Service
- ◇ Roll call
- ◇ Approval of last meeting's minutes (additions or corrections are made)

#### **Reports**

- ◇ GSR's report on the business of the ASC and Assembly
- ◇ Treasurer's report
- ◇ Subcommittee reports

#### **Sharing Session**

General discussion of group concerns and issues

#### **Old Business**

Motions regarding business from previous meetings

#### **New Business**

Motions regarding business from this meeting

#### **Announcements**

#### **Adjournment**